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Marguerite Leslie

ANGOLA — Marguerite E. Leslie, 92, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Leslie was born Aug. 7, 1914, in Roanoke, Va. to George A. and Ethel (Conway) Smith. She was married to Ralph Leslie, who preceded her in death in 1989.

She was a homemaker. She belonged to the Angola Christian Church, where she was a member of the ladies luncheon group and the Thursday morning Bible study. She was a member of the Kum-As-U-R homemakers club and a former member of the Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary and the Angola Women of the Moose.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Irvin Wayne Nichols and Frank Roger and Cathy Nichols, all of Roanoke and Charles E. "Buzz" and Deb Nichols of Angola; four daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Ann and Richard Jones and Ola Jane and Carl McDaniel, all of Roanoke, Ruby E. and Paul Wray of Angola and Edith Marie and Bobby Michaels of Palm Harbor, Fla.; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Marjorie and Darold Sailor of Fort Wayne; a brother, Albert Smith of Roanoke; 19 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, several great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Charlie Nichols, in 1979; a son, Ronald Ray Nichols; a sister, Jane Basham; and a brother, Edward Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church.

Patricia Sabrosky

HUDSON — Patricia Kay (Schwartz) Sabrosky, 54, of Hudson died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Hospice of Baton Rouge, La.

She worked at Tri-Wall in Butler for 13 years.

She was born Nov. 13, 1952, in Garrett to Mike and Betty (Ober) Schwartz. They survive in Hudson.

Her husband, Dana Sabrosky, died May 12, 2004.

Also surviving are two sons, Kevin Sexton of Auburn and Justin Sexton of Waterloo; a daughter, Shannon Sexton of Auburn; three brothers, Martin Schwartz of Salem, Ind., Robert Schwartz of Hamillton and David Schwartz of Ashley; two sisters, Bonnie Deetz of Wolcottville and Dawn Fry of Biloxi, Miss.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Brian Scott Schwartz, in October 1974.

Services will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the hospice of the donor's choice.

Larry Smith

FREMONT — Larry Edward Smith, 61, of Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 14, 1945, in Norris City, Ill. to James and Fayetta (Satterfield) Smith. He married Cheri Andres on July 24, 1965, in Berne. She survives.

He was an avid fisherman and loved to bowl and play cards. He was a fan of NASCAR driver Mark Martin.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Margaret and Leon Sutton of Montpelier, Ohio, Fayetta and Dale Winebrenner of Fremont and Janella Sutton of Bryan, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Rodney, Jessica, Kerishia, Krystal, Robert, Cheyenne and Corina; his stepfather, Ed Smith of Fort Wayne; and numerous other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Bob Koenig officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Jeanette Beezley

ALBION — Jeanette "Grandma Beezley" Beezley, 89, of Albion died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at Beverly Health Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Beezley was a lifetime Noble County resident and a graduate of Wolf Lake High School. She had retired from Essex Wire Co. in 1982 after 25 years of service.

She was a member of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam. She was a life member of the Wolf Lake VFW Auxiliary and a member of the Pythian Sisters.

She was born July 18, 1917, in Wolf Lake to Nicholas and Etta Mae (Addis) Herron. She married Raymond Beezley on May 10, 1942. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are her children, Linda and George Mitchell and Janice Snider and Dan Chupp, all of Fort Wayne, Brenda Martin of Albion, and Thomas and Joy Beezley of Churubusco; two sisters, Martha Land of Fort Wayne and Mary Jane Paulus of Columbia City; 21 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lore Lee Sherman; a son-in-law, Lester Sherman; a grandson, Steven Mitchell; a granddaughter, Armenda J. Bloom; a great-granddaughter, April Marie Mitchell; three brothers, Max Herron, Floyd Herron and Kenneth Herron; and a sister, Pauline Utley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Barry Faucett officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church or Parkview Hospice.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Harold Mendenhall

ANGOLA — Harold E. "Gene" Mendenhall, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at 1:50 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Mendenall had been a dispatcher and security officer for the Waloo Co. He also was a farmer, restaurant manager and heavy equipment operator.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-46 and was a veteran of combat in the Pacific theater. He was a member of the Eagles, Moose, Elks, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in Angola and the First Christian Church in West Palm Beach, Fla.

He was born Oct. 31, 1922, in Bluffton to Ivy F. and Martha Mae (Aker) Mendenhall.

He married Betty J. Mendenhall on Oct. 3, 1964. She died June 2, 2002.

Surviving are four sons, Randy E. Mendenhall and Douglas Mendenhall, both of Angola, Michael J. Bir of Fort Wayne and Roger W. Bir of Langley Air Force Base, Va.; two daughters, Terri S. Gray of Ossian and Carla Hollaway of Angola; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane K. Bir, in 1996, and a brother, Roger E. Mendenhall, in 1993.

Memorial services are pending. The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society at Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

Kathy Byrne

ORLAND — Kathy R. (Lash) Byrne, 51, of Orland died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Macon, Ga. as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Byrne

Mrs. Byrne was born April 9, 1955, in LaGrange County to Robert and Dorothy (Schultz) Anderson. She married William Byrne on Nov. 18, 2006, in Orland. He survives.

She worked at Cleveland Homes in Angola. She attended the Orland Nazarene Church and loved doing crafts and gardening.

Also surviving are her mother in Hudson; a daughter, Erica Schwarz of Angola; a brother, Gary Anderson of Hudson; two sisters, Judy Young of Pleasant Lake and Vicki Baltes of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Zachary, Ashley and Taylor; and four stepsons, Dave Byrne of Cleveland, Ohio, Steve Byrne of Angola, Jim Byrne of Muncie and Mike Steele of Pebble Beach, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Sheri Anderson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Stroh Church of Christ, Stroh, with the Revs. Mike Hamm and Roger Strong officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Public Library, Orland, or St. Vincent's Children's Hospital.

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Lonzo Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — Lonzo W. Wilson, 83, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Wilson was born in Gulfport, Miss., on March 13, 1923, to George Edward and Elizabeth (Guynn) Wilson.

He graduated from Carabelle High School in Carabelle, Fla., in 1941 and entered the United States Army in 1942.

While in the service, he married Eleonora Maria Rosa Hvala on March 7, 1948, in Triestee, Italy. She survives in Vicenza, Italy.

After 24 years, Sgt. 1st Class Wilson retired from the military in June 1966.

Following his service in the military, Mr. Wilson was employed with Raytheon Service Co. of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as an electronics field engineer, retiring in 1986 after 17 years of service.

One of Mr. Wilson's favorite hobbies was researching and investing in the stock market from his home computer. He also was an avid open-water fisherman in Florida and Saudi Arabia.

Also surviving are two daughters, Elisa Ellsworth and Steve Lash, both of Kendallville, and Nora and Ziad Shebaro of Sardinia, Italy; eight grandchildren, Jack and Sarah Ellsworth both of Kendallville, Alan Shebaro with the U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Elisa Shebaro of Italy, Jeremy Lash, Brandon Lash, Casey Lash, Heath and Angie Lash and Tyler Lash all of Kendallville; and two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Baily Lash.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steven Wilson on Aug. 21, 2003; and two sisters, Katie Murray and Lillian Carrington.

Funeral services and burial with full military honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or to the Disabled American Veterans.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dale Uhl

AVILLA — Dale M. Uhl, 87, of Avilla died at 11:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Uhl was a lifetime area resident and had been a farmer and driver for Uhl Oil Co. In his later years he had a paper route for The News-Sun.

He will be remembered as a very kind person and willing to help anyone in need.

He was born Aug. 30, 1919, in Jefferson County, Noble County, to Albert and Viola Jane (Swartz) Uhl. He married Marjorie Kemery on Dec. 30, 1946, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Uhl of Avilla; and a grandson, Shannon Uhl of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Clarence, Harold, Lester, Lawrence and Donald.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Danny Slone

Mr. Slone

KENDALLVILLE — Danny Slone, 55, of Kendallville died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Slone had owned and driven a semi truck for 35 years.

From 1970-1974, Mr. Slone served three tours of duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a helicopter door-gunner with the 717th Air Calvary.

He was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Garden City.

Mr. Slone loved his dog, Ernie, fishing and reading books or watching movies about history and war.

He was born in Lackey, Ky., on Oct. 27, 1951, to Paul and Eva (Reynolds) Slone. He married Melody Ann Mumaw on Sept. 4, 1981, in Indianapolis. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a brother, Jerry Chris Slone and his fiance, Carolyn Seely, both of Cromwell; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon Randall of Wolcottville and Peggy and Johnny Ritchie of Littcarr, Ky.

He was preceded in death by parents and an infant brother.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's error.*

Robert Shaffer

HUDSON — Robert L. Shaffer, 91, of rural Hudson died at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at his residence with his family by his side.

Mr. Shaffer

On June 2, 1915, in Helmer he was born to Charles and Vesta (Spero) Shaffer. He married Eva Tritch on Aug. 9, 1939.

He lived on the family farm one mile east of Helmer in Steuben County. In 1960 they moved to the Butler Apple Orchard on C.R. 327.

Mr. Shaffer farmed and operated a gravel business for over 30 years. He developed Sha-gett Acres and Westview Addition on Big Turkey Lake.

He was a member of Helmer United Methodist Church, and enjoyed family gatherings and helping people.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Roberta Lochamire, Cindy and Tony Minier and Lila and Rory Smith, all of Hudson, and Emily and Jerry Dunafin, LaGrange; 11 grandchildren and seven of their spouses, Chris and Cyndi Lochamire, Ken and Ingrid Lochamire, Pat and Karen Fox, Kurt and Shawn Dunafin, Rod and Kathy Dunafin, Brad and Lori McGraw, Chad and Brandi Minier, Clifford Minier, Michael Smith, Matthew Smith and Carla Betcke; and 25 great-grandchildren.

A son-in-law, Robert Lochamire, in 2002; a brother, Russell Shaffer; a sister, Leah Lasho; and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Helmer United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Pallbearers will be Chris and Ken Lochamire, Kurt and Rodney Dunafin, Chad and Cliff Minier and Mike and Matthew Smith.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to Helmer United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Violet Gulick

HAMILTON — Violet E. Gulick, 86, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Gulick was born April 4, 1920, in Allen County to Albert and Mabel (Guiff) Thimlar. She retired from General Electric, and then worked at Auburn Rubber Co.

She enjoyed gardening. She was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, George Anspaugh Post No. 7205, and Angola American Legion Post No. 31 Auxiliary.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Eunice and Sonny Martin of Pleasant Lake; a granddaughter, Kimberly; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher, Trevor and Nicholas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Robert Tilghman; four brothers, Howard, Lester, Eugene and Merlin Thimlar; and three husbands, Jack Tilghman, Wibur Roth and William Gulick.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton. There will be no calling.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Douglas Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Douglas Earl Zimmerman, 74, of Angola died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Zimmerman was born June 8, 1932, in Garrett to Earl and Suzie (Hatfield) Zimmerman. He was married to Beverly J. Bowen on July 20, 1979, and she survives.

He was a journeyman electrician at Eaton Corp. (Dana) for 23 years, retiring in 1997. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Angola and Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He was a past president of the Mosquito Association 5th Air Force, and was very involved in the planning of the Korean War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark Zimmerman of Ashville, N.C. and Michael Zimmerman of Auburn; three stepsons, Jeffrey Miles, Richard Miles and Jason Miles, all of Angola; two daughters, Mary Maple of St. Joe and Melanie Saxton of Houston, Texas; a stepdaughter, Kim Burrage of Auburn; a sister, Sally Johansenn of Weaverville, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ned "Allen" Zimmerman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hillcrest Baptist Church, with the Rev. Terry Sturges officiating. Calling will be Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Crawfordsville.

Memorials are to Hillcrest Baptist Church or the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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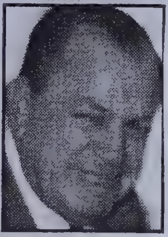
Hubert Miller

AUBURN — Hubert B. "Hugger" Miller, 86, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller worked for American Rockwell Co. for 11 years and for Group Dekko for 11 years. He was the owner and operator of QC-Onics in Angola.

He was a U.S. military veteran, serving as a captain in the Marine Air Corps, and was a pilot and flew during World War II.

He graduated from Tri-State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering.

He was a member of American Legion Post 423 of Orland and was a past member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn. He was a member of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and volunteered at the World War II Victory Museum in Auburn.

He was born July 29, 1920, in Norfolk, Va., to Hubert and Alice Amanda (Ashley) Miller.

He married Bess E. Hathaway on Nov. 20, 1976, in Elkhart. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gregg A. and Linda Wattier of Auburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Diana K. and Robert Houk of Aliquippa, Pa., Deborah K. and Michael Geeting of Auburn, Terri L. Grogg of Auburn and Roberta P. and Eric Kuhlhorst of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert M. Miller, and his first wife, Laura Jane Miller, who died in 1974.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Mr. Miller's grandson, Pastor Thad Ford of Harvest Bible Baptist Church in Uniontown, Ohio, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church, Harvest Bible Baptist Church, or a charity of the donor's choice.

John Becker

ANGOLA — John C. "Jack" Becker, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at home.

Mr. Becker was born in Lakewood, Ohio, on Dec. 26, 1922, to Justin and Marie (Hoeffler) Becker. He was married to Evelyn F. "Evy" Mares on Dec. 13, 1942. She preceded him in death on May 26, 2002.

He was a retired salesman. He moved to Steuben County from Cleveland, Ohio in 1980.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Randy Tanner of Angola; a son, Kenneth Becker of West Virginia; three grandchildren, Brandon Tanner, Shannon Cosby and Kim Myers, all of Angola; and four great-grandchildren, Corwin, Carissa and Heather Myers and Kiefer Ramey, all of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Clifford John "Cliff" Becker, on Sept. 25, 2004; two brothers, Kenneth and James Becker; and a sister, Marie Becker.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences can be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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Leonard Bearman

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Leonard "Chuck" Bearman, 76, of Valdosta, Ga., died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at South Georgia Medical Center.

Mr. Bearman was born, May 9, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Leonard Henry and Myrtle (Harris) Bearman.

He graduated from Tri-State University in Angola with a degree in civil engineering. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952-54 in Salzburg, Austria.

Later, he worked for the Army Corps of Engineers in Italy and Washington, D.C. Upon retiring from the U.S. government after 35 years of service, he began his intense participation in the management of many Scottish organizations and helped interested people locate their Scottish roots. This interest took he and his wife to Scotland many times.

Because of his love for flying, he earned his pilot's license and flew his Cessna on many trips. He was a member of the Florida Coast Guard Auxiliary, assisting in search and rescue and drug interdiction.

Additional hobbies included golfing and bowling, in which he won numerous awards. He was a Master Mason in Italian Chapters.

Surviving is his wife of 52 years, Alta Helen (MacIntosh) Bearman; and a daughter and son-in-law, Linda Bearman and John Glesby of Park City, Utah.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of the Carson McLane Funeral Home, Valdosta, with the Rev. Bob Willis officiating. There will be no calling. A reception will follow services at the Langdale Place, Valdosta.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.mclanefuneralservices.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional service times.*

Kathy Byrne

Mrs. Byrne

ORLAND — Kathy R. (Lash) Byrne, 51, of Orland died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Macon, Ga. as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Byrne was born April 9, 1955, in LaGrange County to Robert and Dorothy (Schultz) Anderson. She married William Byrne on Nov. 18, 2006, in Orland. Her survives.

She worked at Cleveland Homes in Angola. She attended the Orland Nazarene Church and loved doing crafts and gardening.

Also surviving are her mother in Hudson; a daughter, Erica Schwarz of Angola; a brother, Gary Anderson of Hudson; two sisters, Judy Young of Pleasant Lake and Vicki Baltes of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Zachary, Ashley and Taylor; and four stepsons, Dave Byrne of Cleveland, Ohio, Steve Byrne of Angola, Jim Byrne of Muncie and Mike Steele of Pebble Beach, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Sheri Anderson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Stroh Church of Christ, Stroh, with the Revs. Mike Hamm and Roger Strong officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, and also one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Public Library, Orland, or St. Vincent's Children's Hospital.

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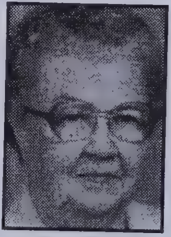
Sue Henney

KENDALLVILLE — Dessie M. "Sue" (Kizer) Henney, 97, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at 9:04 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had resided for several years.


Mrs. Henney

Mrs. Henney served in the offices of McCray Refrigeration and Litton Industries, both in Kendallville.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and sang in the church choir for many years.

Mrs. Henney was recently recognized for her 75 years of membership in the Noble Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

She was a 1927 graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mrs. Henney was born Oct. 22, 1909, to Lake and Maude (Wilson) Kizer in Edgerton, Ohio. She married Gordon T. Henney on Nov. 21, 1943. He died May 24, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Lawrence Raffo of Burlingame, Calif., and Marsha Henney of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Bettie Smith of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Howard Seidel of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Elaine Kizer of Auburn; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ariel Kizer and Thomas Kizer; and a sister, Scottie Seidel.

Memorial services will be held in March at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home for both Sue and Gordon Henney. Interment will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Nicholas Currie

COLDWATER, Mich. — Nicholas R. Currie, 23, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at home.

Mr. Currie was born July 13, 1983, in Tulsa, Okla., to Richard and Linda (Stevens) Currie. He was a graduate of Coldwater High School and attended Tri-State University in Angola. At the time of his death, he was attending ITT Tech in Fort Wayne.

He was employed at Vestil Manufacturing in Angola. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed all types of sports.

Surviving are his parents in Coldwater; a sister and brother-in-law, Letha and Scott Harris of Angola; maternal grandmother Velma Stevens; paternal grandparents Samuel and Marjorie Currie; paternal great-grandmother Emma Coleman; and a nephew Thomas Harris.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Oak Grove Cemetery Chapel, Coldwater, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Gideons.

Condolences can be left at www.gillespiefh.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Danny Wood

SKINNER LAKE — Danny D. Wood, 62, of Skinner Lake died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood was born Sept. 19, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Walter and Geneva (Crary) Wood. He was a truck driver for 30 years, and had also driven for the City of Auburn. He had lived in Noble County for two years.

He married Linda Lee Cole on April 7, 2006, and she survives.

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons. He enjoyed NASCAR and motorcycle racing.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Debora and Timothy Frick and Cindy Wood, all of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Walter "TJ" and Melinda Wood of Angola; a stepdaughter, Joleine Cole of Albion; two stepsons, James Cole and Jonathan Cole, both of Columbia City; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Walter Wood Jr. and Terry and Sandy Wood, all of Garrett; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joan and Mart Fahlsing of Fort Wayne, Judith King and Willis Hicks of Albion and Diana and Jerry Haugk of Garrett; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Sean.

Services were today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 3, 2007, Wednesday

Jeanette Beezley, 89

ALBION — Jeanette "Grandma Beezley" Beezley, age 89, a resident of Albion, Indiana died Sunday afternoon December 31, 2006 in the Beverly Health Center in Fort Wayne. She was a life time member of the Noble County Community and retired from Essex Wire Company in 1982 after 25 years of faithful service. She was a member of Conerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, Indiana, a Life Member of the V.F.W. in Wolf Lake, Indiana and the Pythian Sisters.

Jeanette was born July 18, 1917 in Wolf Lake, Indiana a daughter of Nicholas and Etta Mae (Addis) Herron. She was a graduate of the Wolf Lake High School. She was united in marriage on May 10, 1942 to Raymond Beezley.

Survivors include her children, Linda (George) Mitchell of Fort Wayne, Brenda Martin of Albion, Thomas (Joy) Beezley of Churubusco, and Janice (Dan Chupp) Snider of Fort Wayne. Also suviving are two sisters, Martha Land of Fort Wayne and Mary Jane Paulus of Columbia City, 21 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, a daughter Lore Lee Sherman; son-in-law Lester Sherman; a grandson Steven Mitchell; granddaughter Armenda J. Bloom; great-granddaughter April Marie Mitchell; three brothers, Max Herron, Floyd Herron, and Kenneth Herron; one sister, Pauline Utley.

Funeral services were Wednesday, January 3, 2007 in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, Indiana with Pastor Barry Faucett officating. Burial was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, Indiana.

For those who wish memorials may be directed to the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church or the School or Parkview Hospice. Envelopes will be available in the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympahy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Danny D. Wood, 62

SKINNER LAKE — Danny D. Wood, 62, of Skinner Lake died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at home.

Mr. Wood was born Sept. 19, 1944, in Fort Wayne to Walter and Geneva (Crary) Wood. He was a truck driver for 30 years and had also driven for the city of Auburn. He had lived in Noble County for two years.

He married Linda Lee Cole on April 7, 2006, and she survives.

He was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons. He enjoyed NASCAR and motorcycle racing.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Debora and Timothy Frick and Cindy Wood, all of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Walter "TJ" and Melinda Wood of Angola; a stepdaughter, Joleine Cole of Albion; two stepsons, James Cole and Jonathan Cole, both of Columbia City; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Walter Wood Jr. and Terry and Sandy Wood, all of Garrett; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Joan and Mart Fahlsing of Fort Wayne, Judith King and Willis Hicks of Albion and Diana and Jerry Haugk of Garrett; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, Wednesday.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery Albion.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 3, 2007, Wednesday

Carl Rossman, 70

KENDALLVILLE- Carl Rossman, age 70, died on Sunday, December 24, 2006 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness on Wednesday when he was walking his dog at Bixler Lake in Kendallville.

Mr. Rossman as born in LaGrange County, Indiana on February 11, 1936 to Leo and Nina (Yoder) Rossman.

He graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1953 and married Edna Lee (Gose) Rossman on May 10, 1957 at the Baptist church in Valentine, Indiana.

He retired from International Harvester as night superintendent in 1988 and also from Sea-Nymph Corporation in Syracuse in 1998.

Mr. Rossman enjoyed following his grandkid's activities especially watching grandsons Cody and L.C. play football and baseball at East Noble. He was a dedicated supporter of East Noble and Central Noble High School athletics and enjoyed fishing, camping, deer and rabbit hunting and playing a round of golf. He was always helping other people and loved putting on a hog roast.

Survivors include: his wife, Edna Rossman of Kendallville; son and daughter-in-law, Rex and Deb Rossman of Kendallville; daughter, Tammy Haefer of Kendallville; five grandchildren: Cody Deane Schneider and his wife, Jessi, currently serving in the U.S. Army Airborne in Iraq and stationed at Fort Richardson, Alaska; L.C. Rossman, Kadie Haefer, Ashlee Haefer and Zachary Haefer all of Kendallville; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Georgia Rossman of Hillsdale, Michigan, Richard and Joan Rossman of Sturgis, Michigan, sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Doug Fredericks of Phoenix, Arizona; sister-in-law, Ellie Rossman of LaGrange, Indiana.

Mr. Rossman was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Charles Rossman in 2006.

Funeral Services were Friday at 2:00 pm at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Chris Mosley.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Shelter

Casketbearers were Cody Schneider, L.C. Rossman, Rob Rossman, Randy Rossman, Doug and Larry Diekman.

Honorary Bearers were Mike Lewis and John Gose.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were by: Hite Funeral Home.

Delbert Wicker, 60

Delbert Wicker, age 60, died Wednesday, 12-27-06, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wicker, who lived 30 years in Ligonier, was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on September 15, 1946 to Joe and Viola (Bolen) Wicker. His parents are deceased.

Mr. Wicker, who never married, graduated in 1965 from Garrett High School, Garrett, Kentucky and was employed with Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for 30 years. He recently retired April 2006.

His survivors include two sisters, Rhoda Mosley of Ligonier and Irene Watkins of Lackey, Kentucky. Also surviving is a nephew, Paul and Diane Mosley of Albion; nephew, Randy and Denise Watkins of Moorehead, Kentucky; niece, Lisa and Paul Thornsbury of Richmond, Kentucky; nephew, Terry Wicker of Rome City; Tina Wicker of Rome City; and a great nephew, Zachary Mosley of Albion.

One brother, Mart Wicker, preceded him in death in 1974.

Funeral services were held on Saturday at 11:00 AM at Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church in Garrett, Kentucky with Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Burial was at the G.W. Bolen Cemetery near Rock Fork, Kentucky.

Local arrangements were made by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, Indiana.

Send condolences to his family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 3, 2007, Wednesday

Melvin Richard Wirick, 76

Melvin Richard "Mel" Wirick, age 76, died on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at his residence in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Mr. Wirick was born in Albion, Indiana on April 13, 1930 to Thomas and Lera (Heltzel) Wirick.

He graduated from Albion High School in 1949 and entered the United States Army in 1951 serving his country in the Korean War until 1953.

He then married Shirley Ann Marshall on June 8, 1955 in South Milford.

Mr. Wirick went back to school and in1958 received a bachelor's degree in education from Ball State University.

He was employed with Pepsi Cola Company in Muncie and Anderson from 1954-1969 and then managed a sales territory with the Vernon Company from 1970-1993.

He was a Little League Baseball coach and board member of Kendallville Youth Baseball.

Mel loved watching his grandsons play sports and enjoyed playing golf himself.

He was a member and officer of the Kendallville Elks Lodge; twice past president of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club and Past Lt. Governor of the Indiana Kiwanis in 1993; he was honored with the McCulloch Award of the Indiana Kiwanis in 2004; he was a founding member of the East Noble Key Club; past member of Kendallville Park Board; Lake View Cemetery Board member; and the Wayne Township Advisory Board member.

He also was a member of the American Legion Post #87 and V.F.W. #2749 and the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Survivors include:

His wife, Shirley Wirick of Kendallville, daughter, Lisa Wirick of South Bend; daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Mike Kline of Rome City; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Angela Wirick of Fremont; grandchildren: Lucas Kline of Rome City and his fiance, Bridgett Kessling of Avilla, and Trevor and Seth Wirick of Fremont and Jessica and Emily Behrman also of Fremont; sister, Mary Belle Kline of South Milford.

He was preceded in death by parents, brothers; Robert, Ray, Walt, Al, and John Wirick, sisters; Ruth Reinoehl, Helen Kief, and Ruby Shaffer.

Funeral Services were Friday, December 15, 2006 at 11:00 am at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor John Maxson. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Wayne Center Church or Kendallville Youth Baseball.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dawnee Sue Browder, 43

WATERLOO -Dawnee Sue Browder, age 43, died on Friday, December 29, 2006 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ms. Browder was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 23, 1963 to Dana Thomas and Wilma Jean (Handy) Browder and has lived in the Waterloo area for more than 20 years.

She enjoyed listening to music, poetry, drawing and sketching.

Survivors include: daughters, Crystal Inzer and Cassandra Browder both of Kendallville, son, Kyle Inzer of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Camryn Osbun and Cavdence Becker both of Kendallville; two sisters, Debbie Krizanovic of Round Lake Park, Illinois and Darla Browder of Peoria, Illinois;four brothers, Danny Browder of Seattle, Washington, David Browder of Wisconsin, Darren Browder of Seattle, and Dale Browder of Round Lake Park.

Ms. Browder was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Deana Browder, and a nephew, Michael Krizanovic.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 11:00 am at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. (no calling)

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Larry Anglemyer.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home.

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Kendallville, IN
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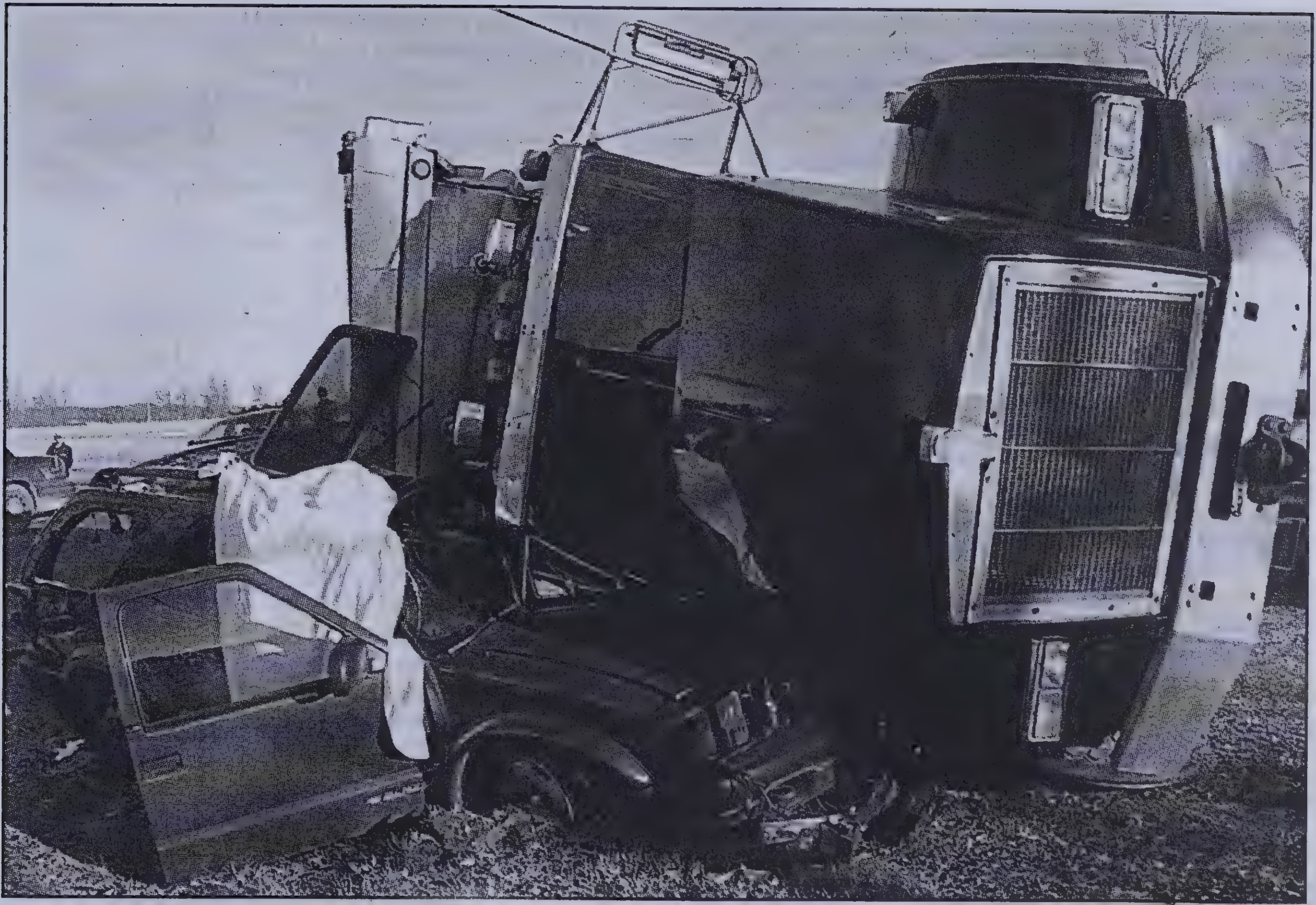

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A Churubusco woman died when a dump truck ran into her sport-utility vehicle as she attempted to make a left turn from northbound U.S. 33 onto Blue Lake Road Wednesday afternoon.

Woman dies in crash

BY BOB BRALEY
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CHURUBUSCO — A Churubusco woman was killed Wednesday when a dump truck registered to an Albion company ran into her sport-utility vehicle, according to the Indiana State Police.

Tracy L. Stillwell, 32, of Churubusco was pronounced dead at the scene due to blunt force trauma by Whitley County Coroner Scott Smith, according to a press release.

"The preliminary cause of the crash was attributed to excessive speed," said Trooper Roy Stuckey, who is leading the investigation.

The crash occurred when Stillwell slowed her 2003 Chevrolet Blazer to make a left turn from northbound U.S. 33 onto Blue Lake Road at 3:05 p.m., according to a police report.

John Christoff, 36, of Columbia City failed to notice the slowing vehicle at first, then attempted to avoid a collision, troopers said. The dump truck he drove skidded into the Blazer, overturning the dump truck onto the SUV and spilling gravel on the Blazer and the ground.

The dump truck pinned the victim in her vehicle, which had to be unloaded and righted before her body could be removed, according to a police report.

The dump truck was registered to Jasper Construction Trucking Inc. of Albion, police said.

The crash closed part of U.S. 33 for over 3 1/2 hours while rescue workers and investigators worked to complete the investigation, police said. Two motor carrier inspectors inspected the dump truck for mechanical contributing factors.

An ISP crash reconstructionist was also called to the scene to assist in the investigation, according to troopers.

Christoff was cited by Stuckey with speed too fast to avoid collision, police said. The crash remains under investigation.

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S.R. 120 accident near Middlebury claims life of Shipshewana man

Smith

MIDDLEBURY — Speed too fast for icy road conditions was the cause of an Elkhart County crash that took the life of a rural Shipshewana man Wednesday.

According to the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department, Walter J.B. Smith, 27, of C.R. 1150W, died in a crash on S.R. 120, west of Forest Lake Drive, three miles north of the Middlebury city limits. The accident happened at approximately 5:55 a.m.

Smith was killed when his westbound car crossed the center line and struck a pickup truck driven by Reginald Jon Platz, 54, of White Pigeon, Mich. Platz suffered a broken ankle.

The accident was investigated by the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department. Middlebury EMS responded to the scene.

Dorothy Fitzgerald

ST. MARYS, Ohio — Dorothy W. Fitzgerald, 88, formerly of Auburn, died at 7:55 p.m. Dec. 30, 2006, at Valley Nursing Home in St. Marys.

She was a homemaker and an accomplished bridge player and enjoyed needlepoint. She was a member of the Wayne Street United Methodist Church in St. Marys.

She was born May 11, 1918, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Walter and Nellie (Martin) Bervinkle.

On Sept. 29, 1939, she married Murray Seth Fitzgerald in Elwood City, Pa.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Murray "Bud" and Barb Fitzgerald of St. Marys; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol J. and Steven Kennedy of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband on Aug. 26, 2006, two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Miller Funeral Home, Ohio 703 West Chapel, in St. Marys. Burial will be at Elm Grove Cemetery in St. Marys.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wayne Street United Methodist Church building fund.

Bertha Shoudel

AUBURN — Bertha R. Shoudel, 82, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She worked as a key punch operator for Messenger Corp. for 34 years. She was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church in rural Auburn.

She was born Feb. 28, 1924, in DeKalb County to Michael J. and Alice (Carnahan) Shoudel. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother, Roy M. Shoudel of Leo; two sisters, Ruby M. Yoder of Huntertown and Gladys Wilcoxson of Auburn; and 15 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ora M. Shoudel, two sisters, Lela I. Schwartz and Neva Boyce, a niece and a nephew.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, with the Rev. John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Hopewell United Brethren Church.

Tracy Stillwell

CHURUBUSCO — Tracy L. (Hall) Stillwell, 32, of rural Churubusco died at the scene of a traffic accident on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at U.S. 33 and Blue Lake Road near Churubusco.

Survivors include her husband, Chad Stillwell; a stepdaughter, Megan Stillwell of Fort Wayne; her mother and stepfather, Linda and Ken Eash of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Larry and Brenda Hall of Churubusco; and a sister, Lindsy Folsum of Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

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Mary Jane Kunce

AUBURN — Mary Jane Kunce, 76, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kunce

Mrs. Kunce was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 29, 1930, in Huntington to Paul and Mary (Norwood) Bruss. They preceded her in death.

She married Rex Kunce on May 23, 1948, in Huntington, and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom R. and Donna Kunce of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Marjory Tyner of Bluffton; two brothers, Raymond Bruss of Wabash and Robert Bruss of Brazil, South America; and seven grandchildren, Adam Kunce, Josh Kunce, Nathan Kunce, Zach Michlow, Mardah Michlow, Gabe Michlow and Phillip Michlow.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Anna Laura Kunce, a son, David Kunce, and a brother, Richard Bruss.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Daniel Pfister officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery at Huntington.

Calling will be Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Vera Cranson

BRONSON, Mich. — Vera Cranson, 91, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at the Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Cranson was born Nov. 20, 1915, in Farmer, Ohio, to John L. and Yolande McCollough. She married Kenneth Cranson on Sept. 1, 1940, at Coldwater Lake in Branch County, Mich. He survives.

She was a homemaker. Her hobbies included swimming, reading and country music.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Linda Cranson of Bronson; three grandchildren and their spouses, Kim and Becky Cranson of Montgomery, Mich., Todd and Andrea Cranson of Bronson and Amy and Tad Bystry of Allegan, Mich.; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, Paul, Kenneth, Robert and Foster McCollough.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at North Gilead Cemetery in Bronson, with the Rev. Jim Erwin officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Southern Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Joan Campbell

FORT WAYNE — Joan Margaret (Helmer) Campbell, 79, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Campbell was a homemaker and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Rosary Sodality and the Daughters of Isabella.

She was a native of Avilla.

Surviving are her husband, Donald F. Campbell of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra Brandenberger and Cynthia and Mark Hull, all of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Brent and Jami Campbell and Thomas and Jodi Campbell, all of Fort Wayne, and Matthew and Marlene Campbell of Hunertown; a brother, James Helmer of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road, with Msgr. John Suelzer officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Margaret Reeves

FORT WAYNE — Margaret H. Reeves, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Bethlehem Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Reeves

Mrs. Reeves was a member of the Maplewood Mennonite Church.

She was born Feb. 8, 1934, in Waynesboro, Tenn.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Bill Miller of Sturgis, Mich., and Gloria and Allen Gunnerson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom E. and Joellen Reeves of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, J.P. and Florence Morgan of Hicksville, Ohio; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.J. Reeves, a daughter, Cathy Boyle, two sisters, Lois Morgan and Martha Louise Staggs, and two brothers, Roy and Lonnie Morgan.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Maplewood Mennonite Church, 4129 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan, and Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

Lavern Freeman

KENDALLVILLE — Lavern Guy Freeman, 77, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Virginia Smith

LAGRANGE — Virginia Smith, 86, of Santa Rosa, Calif., and formerly of Howe died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, in Santa Rosa.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted because of changes in visitation times and service location.*

Nicholas Currie

COLDWATER, Mich. — Nicholas R. Currie, 23, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 1, 2007, at home.

Mr. Currie was born July 13, 1983, in Tulsa, Okla., to Richard and Linda (Stevens) Currie. He was a graduate of Coldwater High School and attended Tri-State University in Angola. At the time of his death, he was attending ITT Tech in Fort Wayne.

He was employed at Vestil Manufacturing in Angola. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed all types of sports.

Surviving are his parents in Coldwater; a sister and brother-in-law, Letha and Scott Harris of Angola; maternal grandmother Velma Stevens; paternal grandparents Samuel and Marjorie Currie; paternal great-grandmother Emma Coleman; and nephew Thomas Harris.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Gideons.

Condolences can be left at www.gillespiefh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 4, 2007, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to correct a reporter's error.*

Kathy Byrne

ORLAND — Kathy R. (Lash) Byrne, 51, of Orland died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, in Macon, Ga., as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mrs. Byrne

Mrs. Byrne was born April 9, 1955, in LaGrange County to Robert and Dorothy (Schultz) Anderson. She married William Byrne on Nov. 18, 2006, in Orland. He survives.

She worked at Cleveland Homes in Angola. She attended the Orland Nazarene Church and loved doing crafts and gardening.

Also surviving are her mother in Hudson; a daughter, Erica Schwarz of Angola; a brother, Gary Anderson of Hudson; two sisters, Judy Young of Pleasant Lake and Vicki Baltes of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Zachary, Ashley and Taylor; and four stepsons, Dave Byrne of Cleveland, Ohio, Steve Byrne of Angola, Jim Byrne of Muncie and Mike Steele of Pebble Beach, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Sheri Anderson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Stroh Church of Christ, Stroh, with the Revs. Mike Hamm and Roger Strong officiating. Calling will be one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, Joyce Public Library, Orland, or St. Vincent's Children's Hospital.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Heinzelman

LAKE JAMES — Richard K. Heinzelman, 72, of Lake James died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006.

Mr. Heinzelman was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He spent his winters in Bonita Springs, Fla. He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was a manager of Key Motor Hotel and Club Olympia for 20 years, and retired from Lincoln National Corp. as office facilities manager after 20 years of service, after which he actively served as a consultant for that corporation.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Joan (Vail) Heinzelman; four children and their spouses, Jeffrey and Sara Heinzelman of Carmel, Jill and Basil Korolenko of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jennifer and Sandy Sanborn of Angola and Jody and Tom Bruce of Indianapolis; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Bette Heinzelman of Alpharetta, Ga., and Arthur and Doreen Heinzelman of Fremont; a sister, Charlene Hewitt of Bonita Springs; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Calling will be two hours prior to services on Friday.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice 27200 Imperial St., Bonita Springs, FL 34135 or St. Anthony Catholic Church Building Fund, Angola.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 4, 2007, Thursday

Delbert Wicker

LIGONIER — Delbert Wicker, 60, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wicker had lived in Ligonier the past 30 years and had been employed at Silgan Plastics. He had retired from there in April.

He was a 1965 graduate of Garrett High School in Garrett, Ky.

He was born in Floyd County, Ky., on Sept. 15, 1946, to Joe and Viola (Bolen) Wicker. His parents are deceased.

Surviving are two sisters, Rhoda Mosley of Ligonier and Irene Watkins of Lackey, Ky; three nephews and their wives, Paul and Diane Mosley of Albion, Randy and Denise Watkins of Moorehead, Ky., and Terry Wicker of Rome City; two nieces, Lisa Thornsbury and her husband, Paul, of Richmond, Ky., and Tina Wicker of Rome City; and a great-nephew, Zachary Mosley of Albion.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Mart Wicker, in 1974.

Services were Saturday at Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church in Garrett, Ky., with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial was at the G.W. Bolen Cemetery near Rock Fork, Ky.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences to the family may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2007, Friday

Walter Smith

SHIPSHEWANA — Walter John Benjamin Smith, 27, of Shipshewana died at 6:27 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at the scene of a two-vehicle traffic accident near Middlebury.

Mr. Smith was a machine operator at Trelleborg in Bristol and a tattoo artist.

He enjoyed playing guitar with his children.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born Sept. 14, 1979, in Elkhart to Tim Smith Sr. and Trula (Ueberroth) Sisson. He married Rebekah Ward on Dec. 19, 2005, in LaGrange County. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Ayranna Smith and Savannah Smith of Elkhart; two sons, Malaki Smith of Shipshewana and Dameon Smith of Elkhart; a brother, Tim Smith Jr. of Florida; his father, Tim Smith Sr. of Bristol; his mother and stepfather, Trula and Ted Sisson of Elkhart; and a grandmother, Barbara Smith of Elkhart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with is father-in-law, Ken Ward, officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

LaVern Freeman

KENDALLVILLE — LaVern Guy Freeman, 77, of Kendallville died at 9:14 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Freeman had been employed in the maintenance department at East Noble High School for five years, at Avilla Elementary School for five years, at G.E. for 13 years and at one time had been in the maintenance department at Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

He was born Sept. 18, 1929, in Auburn to Guy J. and Dora (Porter) Freeman. He married Roslyn M. "Rose" Lower on April 25, 1975, in Rome City. She died Dec. 23, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Gibson of Garrett and Pat Harden of Texas; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Dennis and Darlene Freeman of Anderson, Randy and Brenda Freeman of Auburn, John and Beth Freeman of Garrett, Charles Freeman of Angola and Howard and Diane Freeman of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Sherry Khyatta of Fort Wayne and Tony Rash of Ohio; a stepson, Ivan Rash of Fort Wayne; a sister, Erma Castleman of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Stanley and Judy Freeman of Auburn; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There are no services.

Memorials are to Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church, C.R. 27, Waterloo, IN 46793.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Harold Mendenhall

ANGOLA — Harold E. "Gene" or "Mendy" Mendenhall, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Mendenhall was born Oct. 31, 1922, in Bluffton to Ivy F. and Martha Mae (Aker) Mendenhall. He married Betty Jane (Jorn) Bir on Oct. 3, 1964, and she preceded him in death on June 2, 2002.

He was a farmer and heavy equipment operator for Mike Klink and owned a sawmill in Hamilton and a ceramics shop in Angola.

Surviving are four sons, Randy E. and Douglas L. Mendenhall, both of Angola, Michael J. Bir of Fort Wayne and Roger W. Bir of Langley Air Force Base, Va.; two daughters, Terrie S. Gray of Ossian and Carla J. Holloway of Angola; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Diane K. Bir, in 1996; and a brother, Roger E. Mendenhall, in 1993.

Memorial services will be Jan. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Angola American Legion Post No. 31, with members of the VFW participating. Immediately following there will be a gathering at Wacky Jac's, 1108 W. Maumee St., Angola from 3 to 5 p.m. (adults only).

Arrangements are being handled by the Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2007, Friday

Charles Hawks

BRISTOL — Charles Edward Hawks, 65, of Bristol died at 4:13 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Hawks

Mr. Hawks had been an auto mechanic, plumber and driver for the Amish population.

He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1959-1963.

Mr. Hawks was a self-proclaimed Bible theologian.

He was born Oct. 10, 1941, in LaGrange County to Charles Gushwa and Rosetta Gray. As a foster child he lived with Alvin and Carrie Ebersole. He was later adopted by Edward and Charlotte Hawks of Fort Wayne.

He married Gertie Yoder on June 30, 1967, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Hawks of Bristol and Cheri Carter of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a sister, Beverly Proctor of Elkhart; a half sister, Darlene Singleton of Sturgis, Mich.; a half brother, Don Gushwa of Mishawaka; and a granddaughter, Cori Carter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Timothy, in 1983; two sisters, Janie Kalb and Marion Kauffman; a half sister, Marlene Gushwa; a brother, John Parish; and a half brother, Robert Gray.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Shore Mennonite Church with the Rev. Mel Shetler of Maple City Chapel officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice or Maple City Chapel.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Tracy Stillwell

CHURUBUSCO — Tracy L. (Hall) Stillwell, 32, of rural Churubusco died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, from injuries in a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 33 at Blue Lake Road in Whitley County.

Mrs. Stillwell

She had been a lifetime Churubusco area resident and 1993 graduate of Churubusco High School.

Mrs. Stillwell had attended Ivy Tech and for the past five years had been an occupational therapist at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. She had previously worked at Parkview Hospital.

She also worked part-time as an Avon representative.

Mrs. Stillwell was active in the Fair Play Volleyball League at Spiece and played adult league softball.

She attended Sugar Grove Church of God and will be remembered for her love of animals especially her two dogs, PD and Chili, her zest for live and her smile.

She was born Aug. 9, 1974, in Fort Wayne. She married Chad M. Stillwell on Sept. 21, 2002. He survives.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter, Megan Ann Stillwell of Bourbon; her mother and stepfather, Linda and Ken Eash of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Larry and Brenda Hall of Churubusco; a sister, Lindsy Folsom of Fort Wayne; and a stepsister and her husband, Angela and Todd Freiburger of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Tim Grable officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsanchilds.net.

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Lonzo Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services and burial with full military honors for Lonzo "Woody" Wilson, 83, of Kendallville will be held Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Mr. Wilson, 83, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Wilson was born in Gulfport, Miss., on March 13, 1923, to George Edward and Elizabeth (Guynn) Wilson.

He graduated from Carabelle High School in Carabelle, Fla., in 1941 and entered the United States Army in 1942.

While in the service, he married Eleonora Maria Rosa Hvala on March 7, 1948, in Triestee, Italy. She survives in Vicenza, Italy.

After 24 years, Sgt. 1st Class Wilson retired from the military in June 1966.

Following his service in the military, Mr. Wilson was employed with Raytheon Service Co. of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as an electronics field engineer, retiring in 1986 after 17 years of service.

One of Mr. Wilson's favorite hobbies was researching and investing in the stock market from his home computer. He also was an avid open-water fisherman in Florida and Saudi Arabia.

Also surviving are two daughters, Elisa Ellsworth and Steve Lash, both of Kendallville, and Nora and Ziad Shebaro of Sardinia, Italy; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steven Wilson on Aug. 21, 2003; and two sisters, Katie Murray and Lillian Carrington.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or to the Disabled American Veterans.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Reina McCurdy

WOLCOTTVILLE — Reina Hope McCurdy died shortly after birth Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are her parents, Aarika McCurdy and Zenaido Roman, both of Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a brother, Alexander Mora of Wolcottville; maternal grandparents, Amadeo and Ronnetta Aguilar of Wolcottville; maternal great-grandmother, Swan Sells of Wolcottville; and maternal great-grandfather, Charles McCurdy of Wolcottville.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today at South Milford with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Ruth Ardhuerumly

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth Annalee Ardhuerumly, 73, formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital following a brief illness.

She had retired from Dexter Axel Co. Feb. 13, 1998.

Mrs. Ardhuerumly was a longtime member of Calvary Chapel in Auburn where she was involved with the women of the church and Bible study.

She was born Feb. 3, 1933, in Albion to Alvia and Eva (Diffendarfer) Hawk.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Rita Ardhuerumly and Michael and Beth Ardhuerumly, all of Churubusco, and Jeffery and Robbie Ardhuerumly of Allen, Texas; a brother, Otis Hawk of Albion; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Jean Meyer of Churubusco, Eloiese and David McCain of Bakersfield, Calif., and Helen and Fred Baily of Houston, Texas; a sister-in-law, Mildred Hawk; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Lenoa Gross and Thelma Hawk; and two brothers, Raymond Hawk and Robert Hawk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Dennis Kutzner officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsanchilds.net.

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Eloise DeKoninck

AUBURN — Eloise G. DeKoninck, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at her home.

Mr. DeKoninck worked at Eagle-Picher in Ashley for 23 years, retiring in 1994. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Rosary Society. She volunteered at St. Martin's House and Harvest House.

Mrs. DeKoninck

She was born Feb. 11, 1934, in Yoder to Clarence and Selena (Schmidt) Harber. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale J. DeKoninck on June 8, 1957, in Yoder. He died Sept. 9, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael A. and Vickie DeKoninck of Avilla, David L. and Pam DeKoninck of Auburn and Mark A. and Deanna DeKoninck of Avilla; four daughters and sons-in-law, Diane K. and Chris Miles of Columbia City, Sandra S. and Terry Wilcox of Auburn, Joan M. and Russell Stockert of Garrett and Sharon A. and Rodney DeLong of Pierceton; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ruth Harber of Anderson, Audrey and Ralph Dietche of Fort Wayne, her twin, Eleanor, and George Hartman of Fort Wayne and Theresa Harber of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. The rosary will be recited Sunday at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, to Masses or to the church.

Donald Conrad

WATERLOO — Donald L. Conrad, 64, of Waterloo, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Conrad retired from Auburn Foundry Inc., where he worked as an electrician. He was a 1960 graduate of New Haven High School and a 1966 graduate of Purdue University.

He loved bird watching, fishing and being outdoors.

He was born Feb. 14, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Lorene (Bacon) Conrad. They survive in Fort Wayne.

He married Martha C. Schiffli on Sept. 10, 1966, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa Conrad of Fort Wayne, Tina and Dan Bobilya of Fort Wayne, Cheryl Conrad of Denver, Colo., and Amy and Charles Begnaud of New Iberia, La.; a brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Char Conrad of Columbia City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Albert Alexander of Harrisburg, Ky., and Kathy and Claude Brewton of Goshen; and six grandchildren, Cassandra, Alyssa, Makayla, Lincoln, Donovan and Mallory.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

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Casey Baughman

PLEASANT LAKE — Casey Baughman, 44, of Pleasant Lake, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was a maintenance and custodial employee of DeKalb High School for 28 years, until he was forced to leave by ill health.

Mr. Baughman loved to hunt, fish, farm and work on cars. He was teaching his son about cars and they loved to cut wood together. He spent time talking to his daughter and helping her plan her nursing career. He loved and was very proud of his children.

He was born April 23, 1962, in Auburn to Robert and Garnett (Howe) Baughman. His mother survives in Auburn.

On Aug. 25, 1990, he married Connie Walker. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are his son, William, and daughter, Nichole, both at home; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dennis and Janet Baughman of Leo and Willy Baughman of Waterloo; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Dianna Sharp of Auburn, Nancy and Mike Wells of Auburn, Janie and Gary Brown of Topeka and Cheryl and Craig Fasnaugh of Huntertown; two stepbrothers, Bruce Baughman of Churubusco and Lance Baughman of Auburn; two stepsisters and a stepbrother-in-law, Julie Dearduff of Florida and Chris and Sherman Crager of Butler; 25 nieces and nephews; and 29 great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father and his stepfather, LeRoy Baughman.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished to correct a typographical error. We apologize for the error.*

Eloise DeKoninck

AUBURN — Eloise G. DeKoninck, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. DeKoninck

Mrs. DeKoninck worked at Eagle-Picher in Ashley for 23 years, retiring in 1994. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Rosary Society. She volunteered at St. Martin's House and Harvest House.

She was born Feb. 11, 1934, in Yoder to Clarence and Selena (Schmidt) Harber. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale J. DeKoninck on June 8, 1957, in Yoder. He died Sept. 9, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael A. and Vickie DeKoninck of Avilla, David L. and Pam DeKoninck of Auburn and Mark A. and Deanna DeKoninck of Avilla; four daughters and sons-in-law, Diane K. and Chris Miles of Columbia City, Sandra S. and Terry Wilcox of Auburn, Joan M. and Russell Stockert of Garrett and Sharon A. and Rodney DeLong of Pierceton; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ruth Harber of Anderson, Audrey and Ralph Dietche of Fort Wayne, her twin, Eleanor, and George Hartman of Fort Wayne and Theresa Harber of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. The rosary will be recited Sunday at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, to Masses or to the church.

Merwood Till

WATERLOO — Merwood Till, 78, of Waterloo died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at Laurels of DeKalb.

He worked at Dreibelbiss Abstract Co. in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 12, 1928, in Waterloo to Haskell and Thelma (Bowman) Till.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Janice Hathaway and Madonna Till.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

There is no calling.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished with revised information about a surviving relative.*

LaVern Freeman

KENDALLVILLE — LaVern Guy Freeman, 77, of Kendallville died at 9:14 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Freeman had been employed in the maintenance department at East Noble High School for five years, at Avilla Elementary School for five years, at G.E. for 13 years and at one time had been in the maintenance department at Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

He was born Sept. 18, 1929, in Auburn to Guy J. and Dora (Porter) Freeman. He married Roslyn M. "Rose" Lower on April 25, 1975, in Rome City. She died Dec. 23, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Gibson of Garrett and Pat Harden of Texas; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Dennis and Darlene Freeman of Anderson, Randy and Brenda Freeman of Auburn, John and Beth Freeman of Garrett, Charles Freeman of Angola and Howard and Diane Freeman of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Sherry Khyatta of Fort Wayne and Tony Rash of Ohio; a stepson, Ivan Rash of Fort Wayne; a sister, Erma Casselman of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Stanley and Judy Freeman of Auburn; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There are no services.

Memorials are to Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church, C.R. 27, Waterloo, IN 46793.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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Christine Leak Musselman

NOBLESVILLE — Christine Marie Leak Musselman, 43, of Noblesville died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Riverview Hospital.

She had taught kindergarten at North Side Elementary School in Kendallville. She also had been a second-grade teacher at the primary school at Hamilton Heights School Corp.

She was a member of Prairie Baptist Church where she was a director of vacation Bible school for several years. She was also a Sunday school teacher, children's song leader and assisted with Children's Church.

A graduate of Benton High School class of 1981, she received a bachelor of science degree and later a master of arts degree in elementary education from Indiana State University.

She was born June 24, 1963, in Lafayette to James Donald and Marion Hope (Scobie) Leak. She married Rex Alan Musselman on June 29, 1991. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Andrew Alan Musselman and Jeffrey Alexander Musselman, both of Noblesville; two brothers, Tom Leak of Williamsport and Bill Leak of Greensburg; two sisters, Diana Girdler of Ambia and Barbara Redman of Hoopeston, Ill.; a stepmother, Emma Leak of Hoopeston, Ill.; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Clifford and Vera Musselman of Noblesville.

Services were held Monday at Cicero Christian Church with Pastor Bob Williams officiating. Burial followed at Prairie Baptist Cemetery.

Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Reina McCurdy

WOLCOTTVILLE — Reina Hope McCurdy died shortly after birth Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are her parents, Aarika McCurdy and Zenaido Roman, both of Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a brother, Alexander Mora of Wolcottville; maternal grandparents, Amadeo and Ronnetta Aguilar of Wolcottville; maternal great-grandmother, Susan Sells of Wolcottville; and maternal great-grandfather, Charles McCurdy of Wolcottville.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today at South Milford with the Rev. Mike McKinney officiating.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Juan Guzman

KENDALLVILLE — Juan Guzman, 7, of Kendallville died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Juan Guzman

He was born in Mishawaka on March 5, 1999, to Juan M. and Ana Maria (Gallardo) Guzman. They survive in Kendallville.

Juan liked to listen to music, go for walks in his stroller and for rides in the car.

Survivors also include grandparents Manuel and Sebastiana Gallardo and Ruben and Aurora Guzman, all of Augascalientes, Mexico, and four uncles and an aunt, Martin and Juana Guzman and Artemio Guzman, all of Ligonier, and Vidal Guzman and Antonio Guzman, both of Kendallville.

Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father Jose Villanueva officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Saturday from 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with rosary at 7:45 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty McCullough

MILFORD — Betty L. McCullough, 58, of Milford died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, after a short and sudden illness.

McCullough was known as an important caregiver for her family. She enjoyed lighthouses, oldies music, sewing and her grandchildren. She had also worked as a bookkeeper.

She was born in March 1948 in Van Wert, Ohio, to Eddie and Cathern Bolinger. In June 1972, she married James R. McCullough. He survives.

Surviving are her mother; a son, Brent and Becca McCullough of Syracuse; two daughters, Amy McCullough of Middletown, Ohio, and Carissa and Darrell Sweeney of Syracuse; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. at Goshen Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Pat Carte officiating. Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the hall.

Donations "In Memory of Betty — A Loving Mother and Wife" are being accepted on behalf of the family by Brent McCullough.

McCullough's body has been cremated. The family plans to have a private graveside service at a later date at Lancaster Cemetery near Huntington.

Kline Funeral Home of Millersburg has assisted with arrangements.

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Gnagy loved nautical adventures

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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HAMILTON LAKE — Since he was a child Jeff Gnagy was a fixture on Hamilton Lake.

"I lived in Hamilton my all my life except for a couple of years, and Jeff always did," said Jeff's father, Jim Gnagy.

Jeff, a well-known man in Hamilton who was the vice president of Hamilton Lake Marine Inc. for a quarter century, succumbed at home on Dec. 4 to a rare blood vessel disorder he had struggled with for some time. He was 45.

Jim married his wife Pam in 2001 in his parents' yard in Hamilton. The two had known each other for a long time — Pam is a hairdresser, and Jeff had been her client for 18 years.

"It's not often that you date a client, much less marry one," she said.

But when Pam was diagnosed with breast cancer seven years ago, Jeff was beside her, encouraging her and supporting her.

"He was my best friend," she said.

Jim said he was happy that Jeff had found Pam.

"She's a great girl," he said. "I love her to death."

Jim said his son had a deep and abiding love for the water and boats. Although Hamilton Lake was home to Jeff, he would also go other places for nautical adventures, including Cape Coral, Fla. where his father and stepmother Jan own a condominium.

"He had a big time down here," Jim said.

Pam said her husband was never happier than when he was driving a boat.

"He loved all boats, but particularly fast boats," she said.

Jeff also used to be an integral part of the Hamilton Lake Ski team, for which he skied and drove.

"The lake ... that was his life," Pam said.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jeff Gnagy dances with family friend Jane Brown a few years ago in the living room of the house Jeff shared with his wife, Pam. Jeff died Dec. 4 after battling a rare blood vessel disorder for several years.

Jeff attended Hamilton Community Schools, graduating from Hamilton High School in 1979. His family owned the marina, and working there, Jim said, was the only job his son ever had.

"He loved it," Jim said.

Jeff was the second of three children in his family. His brother Brad and sister Kim both worked at the marina when they were younger, but Jeff was the only one to stay on after he reached adulthood.

"Our desks were 10 feet apart for 25 years," Jim said.

One of the things Jeff loved the most about working at the marina was watching generations of families become customers.

"If you have someone who brings their kids in when they're little, those kids are probably going to become customers ... you can just about count on it," Jim said. "We've watched that happen for years. And every time Jeff did business with somebody, they turned out to be a genuine friend."

Pam described her husband as "kind, loving and fun."

"He just ... he never knew a stranger," she said. "He always made everyone feel like they were the only customer he had."

Jim said Jeff had been afflicted with the disorder that ultimately took his life "for a number of years." As Jeff's condition worsened, he had to have frequent blood transfusions.

"When his hemoglobin levels would get low, he'd be short of breath and get very weak," Jim said.

Jim and Pam were both awed by how many people came to pay their respects after Jeff died.

"We were overwhelmed," Jim said. "The people at the funeral home said they figured about 500 people came through during the visitation time. We were supposed to be there from 3 to 7, and the last of the line came through at 8:30. Some of the people who were there stood in line for an hour and 45 minutes."

Pam was surprised at the outpouring, too.

"I didn't think the line would ever end," she said.

Jim and Jan will soon start to prepare for boat show season without Jeff for the first time — something Jim knows will be very difficult.

"Our season starts with the boat show," he said. "It's going to be sad this year."

Pam said if people remember one thing about Jeff, she would like it to be that he had a very giving nature.

"One of the greatest things about him," she said, "was his generosity."

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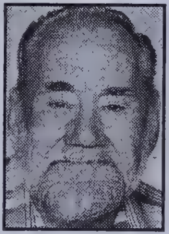
Thomas Marshall

LAGRANGE — Thomas H. Marshall, 82, of Big Turkey Lake, LaGrange, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Marshall

Mr. Marshall retired as a maintenance engineer from the Tredegar Co. in LaGrange, Ky.

He was a member of Lake Bethel Mennonite Church in LaGrange, Ind,; former member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Right and Shrine of Louisville, Ky.; and served in the British Army during World War II. He also played the bagpipes.

He came to the United States in 1964 from England and became a U.S. citizen in August 1972. He moved to LaGrange County in 2000 from Corydon.

He was born Jan. 10, 1924, to Benjamin and Daisy (McDorrell) Marshall in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England.

He married Joan E. (Harris) Marshall on Aug. 21, 1954, in Hayling island, Hampshire, England. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Richard White of LaGrange; one son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Tava Marshall of Scipio; eight grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m.. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral home in LaGrange with Pastor David Hathaway officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials may be directed to Lake Bethel Mennonite Church, LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Dan Terry

ALBION — Dan Terry, 74, of Albion died at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Terry was a trackman for what used to be Penn Central Railroad and is now Conrail Railroad.

He was born March 29, 1932, in Knott County, Ky., to Troy and Sadie (Ritchie) Terry.

He married Letha Williams on Sept. 8, 1955, in Hazard, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Darwin E. and Liz Terry of Kimmell and Bruce L. and Belita Terry of Albion; two daughters and a son-in-law, Vonda G. and Bill Payne of Albion and Treva K. Porter of Kimmell; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two step-great grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Betty Terry of Rutledge, Tenn., Grady and Louise Terry of Ary, Ky., and William and Alma Terry of Talcum, Ky.; and four sisters, Hazel Lovins of Batesville, Eva Stacy of Talcum, Ky., Elma Hawkins of Canton, Ga., and Thelma Terry of Talcum, Ky.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Sam Terry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell with pastors Jimmy Shephard and Glen Patrick officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday and also one hour prior to the service on Tuesday, all at the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

J. A. Brazzell-Rener Funeral home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Angela McCandlish

AUBURN — Angela Rae McCandlish, 45, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, in her home.

She is survived by her daughter Brooke and her husband Garry; a sister; two brothers; her husband's parents, Bill and Vada Albright, and his two brothers and sister.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Amber.

All services are private and memorials are of the donor's choice.

Feller-Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of funeral arrangements.

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January 8, 2007, Monday

Rue Nell Myers

LAGRANGE — Rue Nell Myers, 78, of LaGrange died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Myers

Mrs. Myers had worked in the LaGrange County Clerk's Office, had been an investigator for the LaGrange County Prosecutor's Office and had worked at Sealed Power.

She was a former member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority and the LaGrange County Sheriff's Merit Board. She was an avid bowler.

Mrs. Myers had moved to LaGrange County in 1950.

She was born Oct. 15, 1928, in Anadarko, Okla., to Aurelius and Edith (Webb) Baugh. She married Monroe Myers on Aug. 22, 1950, in Wichita Falls, Texas. He died March 12, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Craig Bailo of Zionsville; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Marilyn Myers of Elkhart; a brother, Doyce Baugh of Bryan, Texas; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Denise Heller officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

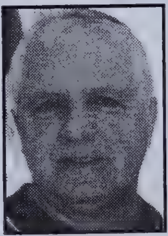
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

William Schrock

KENDALLVILLE — William O. "Bill" Schrock, 69, of Kendallville died at 8:59 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Schrock had suffered from Shy Dragger Syndrome for the past three years.


Mr. Schrock

He had been a resident at Wesley Health Care in Auburn the past six months and prior to that had lived in Kendallville since 2003. He had lived 10 years at Big Long Lake and 22 years in Fort Wavne.

Mr. Schrock retired in 1989 from International Harvester.

He was a member of South Milford United Methodist Church.

Mr. Schrock was born Aug. 10, 1937, in LaGrange County to Reuben and Susan (Yoder) Schrock. He married Joan L. Troyer on April 18, 1959, in LaOtto. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Craig and Rhonda Schrock of Arlington, Texas, Todd Schrock of New York, N.Y., and Chad Schrock of Lake Mary, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Gappinger of Elkhart; three brothers, Clayton Schrock of Cedarville, and Elmer Schrock and Paul Schrock, both of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Bailey Schrock and Adam Schrock.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Levi, Albert, Robert, Donald and David Schrock; and two sisters, Frances Beck and Betty Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Barbara Cross and the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to South Milford United Methodist Church or the Parkinson's Association.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Cleon Champion

COLDWATER, Mich. — Cleon Keith Champion, 95, of Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at the Laurels of Coldwater.

Mr. Champion was born Aug. 31, 1911, in Montgomery, Mich., to Ford and Verna (Young) Champion. He was a farmer and enjoyed carpentry.

Surviving are a sister, Lilah Reese of Coldwater and seven nephews, Joe and Jan Reese, Larry, Bob and Ron Champion and Merle and Jim Kruger, all of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clair Champion, in 1978; and his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Smith

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Virginia A. Smith, 86, of Santa Rosa died at 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital in Santa Rosa.

Ms. Smith was an occupational therapist and also volunteered and trained seeing eye dogs while living in Corte Madera, Calif.

She was a 1938 graduate of Lima High School in Howe and spent four years in college at Western Michigan University.

She served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Ms. Smith formerly attended Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe.

She was born May 8, 1920, in Howe to Hubert and Vern (Parrish) Smith.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Winefred Smith of Goshen; and close friends, Helen Karrer of Santa Rosa, Helen Belden Challener of Seivickley, Pa., Mary Case Harriman of Unity, Maine, and Margaret Stanner of Howe.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Hubert.

Graveside services with full military rites by LaGrange American Legion Post 215 will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

Pastor Dan Engber of Lima Presbyterian Church will officiate.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Joseph Wheeler

FORT WAYNE — Joseph M. "Maynard" Wheeler, 91, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at Woodview Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wheeler was a native of Ligonier and 1935 graduate of Ligonier High School.

He had lived in Goshen and worked as an electrician at Studebaker in South Bend for many years. In 1967, he and his wife, Evelyn P. Saggars Wheeler, founded the M&E Laundromats in Elkhart. The couple moved to Fort Wayne in 1989 and his wife of 55 years died in 1992.

Mr. Wheeler was a 62-year member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185 F.&A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and Trinity Chapter 185 Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra K. Hohman of Fort Wayne; a son, Carl Wheeler of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lillibel Ellis of Sun City, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Brenda Hohman and Michael Hohman, both of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at noon Wednesday at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ligonier. Following the services the family will gather at Tiffany's Restaurant in Topeka.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Chapter Order of Eastern Star or the Ligonier Masonic Lodge.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Dale Uhl

AVILLA — Dale M. Uhl, 87, of Avilla died at 11:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Uhl was a lifetime area resident and had been a farmer and driver for Uhl Oil Co. In his later years he had a paper route for The News-Sun.

He will be remembered as a very kind person and willing to help anyone in need.

He was born Aug. 30, 1919, in Jefferson County, Noble County, to Albert and Viola Jane (Swartz) Uhl. He married Marjorie Kemery on Dec. 30, 1940, at the Lutheran Church in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Uhl of Avilla; and a grandson, Shannon Uhl of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Clarence, Harold, Lester, Lawrence and Donald.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Leon Patrick

ROME CITY — Leon Patrick, 66, of Rome City died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

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Robert Phillips

HUDSON — Robert "Roby" Phillips, 52, of Hudson died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, due to a closed-head injury suffered in an automobile accident 25 years ago.

Mr. Phillips

Mr. Phillips was born June 29, 1954, in Detroit to Ronald and Ida (Guzman) Phillips. He loved music and played the congas, saxophone and drums. He was also a singer.

He was owner and trainer of several race horses and started several businesses. One remains in operation, Phillips Brick Cleaning, in Hudson.

Surviving are his mother in Hudson; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Colleen Phillips of Reading, Mich., Mark Phillips of Hudson, Ronnie and Jessica Phillips of Flint and Brian Phillips of Toledo, Ohio; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kelly Keough of New Mexico, Sue and Jim Leakey of Auburn, and Tracy and Scott Gantt of Hudson; and several nieces and nephews.

His father preceded him in death in 1993.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Brain Injury Association of America, 8201 Greensboro Drive, Suite 611, McLean, Va. 22102.

Condolences may e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Justice Vaughn

PLEASANT LAKE — Justice Marie Vaughn was stillborn to Anthony and Anita Dawn (Kerns) Vaughn of Pleasant Lake on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007.

Justice was born at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Surviving with her parents are a half-sister, Madison Vaughn of Angola; grandparents, Melody Kerns and Michael Kerns, both of Pleasant Lake, and Vicki Vaughn and Rodney Cooper, both of Manchester, Ohio; and great-grandparents Bonnie Brewer of Ashley and Linda and John Adams of Fremont, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents, Herman and Marilyn Vaughn.

Services were Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Ronald Moore officiating.

Burial was in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Condolences can be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Robert Hicks

COLUMBIA CITY — Robert S. Hicks, 58, of Columbia City died at 8:05 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Hicks

Mr. Hicks was a 1966 graduate of Columbia City Joint High School and had lived in the area nearly all of his life.

He had attended Orange Coast College and Trade School and taken several other trade school classes over the years.

Mr. Hicks worked as an over-the-road truck driver for several years and recently had been employed at Parker-Hannifin in Syracuse.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Columbia City and attended Centerview Community Church near South Whitley.

He was born March 3, 1948, in Muscogee County, Ga., to Robert and Betty (Henney) Hicks. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian Hicks of Columbia City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Thomas Beecher of Fort Collins, Colo., and Kirsty and Dwayne Baldwin of Greeley, Colo.; and three grandchildren.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

There are no services or burial.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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Leon Patrick

ROME CITY — Leon Patrick, 66, of Rome City died at 3:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at his home. Mr. Patrick had been ill since 2004.

Mr. Patrick

Mr. Patrick had lived most of his life in the Ligonier and Rome City areas.

He had worked at Supreme Corp. in Goshen, at Fairmount Mobile Homes and was a self-employed truck driver.

Mr. Patrick attended Salem United Baptist Church.

He was born Sept. 23, 1940, in Perry County, Ky., to George and Reva (Prater) Patrick. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Emmalena, Ky.

He married Martha Sizemore on Jan. 6, 1991, in Noble County. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Darrell Short of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, L.D. and Lisa Slone of Rome City and Don and Claudia Cornett of Kendallville; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Mavis and Buford Owens of Ligonier, Gladys and Joelee Carter of Fisty, Ky., and Priscilla and Bobby Owsley of Vest, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Marcella Patrick and David and Debra Patrick, all of Emmalena, Ky.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Richard Patrick; a daughter, Janice Lantz; a grandson, Matthew Terry; and a brother, Mitchell Patrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Salem United Baptist Church, S.R. 9 North, Kendallville, with Pastor Billy Ray Tuttle and Pastor Donnie Patrick officiating.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be Mike Patrick, Victor Bush, Jimmy Conley, Chris Brickey, Russ Creamer and Kalib Jackson.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today with a service at 7 p.m. at the church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@global.net.

Betty Oesterwind

AVILLA — Betty J. Oesterwind, 79, of Avilla died at 12:47 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Glennis Mountz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Glennis R. Mountz, 85, of Wolcottville died at 10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

L. Maxine Collins

AUBURN — L. Maxine Ridenour Collins, 83, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Collins was a homemaker and a member of the Auburn Conservation Club, St. Joe Conservation Club and Defiance County Conservation Club. She loved fishing and trap shooting.

She was born Feb. 16, 1923 in Titusville, Fla.

She married Orville D. Collins, who is preceded her in death.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Larry A. and Renee Collins of Waterloo, Jerry and Susan Collins of Orland, Paul and Judy Collins of Auburn, Robert L. and Bonnie Collins of St. Joe and Mike Collins of Auburn; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Lori A. and Scott Logsdon of Butler, Judy K. Collins of Butler, Sherry and Ray Shields of Auburn, Linda and Michael Adkins of Butler and Connie and Charlie Bungard of Butler; four sisters; seven brothers; 22 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Collins, and a son, Orville D. Collins Jr.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in rural Butler.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wesley Healthcare Activities Department.

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Judith Copple

AVILLA — Judith I. Copple, 63, of Avilla died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Copple

Mrs. Copple had been employed with Cummins Engine Co. in Columbus, Ind., for 30 years and retired in March 1998.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Mrs. Copple was born in Olney, Ill., on Sept. 29, 1943, to Paul and Ellen (Porter) Grier. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Greenwood.

She married William J. Copple on April 4, 1964, in Washington, Ind. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kyle and Jeff Huber of Troy, Mich., and Chris and David Walter of Kendallville; her AFS foreign exchange daughter, Veronique Biche of Tournai, Belgium; a sister, Jane McClure of Greenwood; two grandchildren, Margaret and Leland Huber of Troy; and two nieces.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Edward Erpelding officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, 4-3 S. Main St., with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Multiple Myeloma Research Fund at the IU Cancer Center.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Wilbert Reed

ANDERSON — Wilbert M. Reed, 91, of Anderson and formerly of LaGrange died at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at Edgewater Woods Nursing Home in Anderson.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Glennis Mountz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Glennis Rose (Thomas) Mountz, 85, of Wolcottville died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Mountz

Mrs. Mountz had moved to Wolcottville 25 years ago from Marion.

She owned and managed the Ceramic Gallery in Wolcottville and was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

She was a 1939 graduate of Pennville High School.

Mrs. Mountz was born May 21, 1921, in Pennville in Jay County to John and Ruby (Wilson) Crosbie. She married William Mountz on Dec. 17, 1976, in Kendallville. He died in October 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann (Thomas) and Gary LaRue of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Crosbie of Pennville; and two grandchildren, Michelle LaRue and Shawna LaRue.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Howard Thomas, and a daughter, Janet Lee Thomas in 1950.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with Jack Thomas officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Estates of Serenity in Marion.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana State Chapter, 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Lucille Mertz

KENDALLVILLE — Lucille Helen Mertz, 79, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mertz

Mrs. Mertz was a homemaker and baby-sat for several families in the 1980s.

She was a 1946 graduate of Avilla High School.

Mrs. Mertz was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, the Walther League at the church and the Lutheran Women Missionary League.

She loved spending time with her family.

She was born Jan. 3, 1928, in Kendallville to Wesley and Elsie (Weimer) Butler. She married Robert B. Mertz on June 9, 1951, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Cindy Mertz of Kendallville, Roger and Dorothy Mertz of Goshen and Donald and Sandra Mertz of Portage, Mich.; two daughters, Janet and Kevin Wiley of Fowler and Jennifer Mertz of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Floyd and Sharon Butler of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Kara Mertz, Joshua Mertz, Benjamin Mertz, Wayne Mertz, Elizabeth Wiley, Jessica Mertz, Elaine Wiley and Jeremy Mertz; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister and brother-in-law, Bernice and Joseph Burgi.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.davidfuneralhome.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Edna Skelly

WATERLOO — Edna L. (Rakestraw) Skelly, 92, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at her home in rural Waterloo.

Mrs. Skelly

Mrs. Skelly was a homemaker. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo, the Cedar Lake Missions Circle, Franklin Township Homemakers Club and Lake James Christian Women's Assembly.

She was born April 19, 1914, in DeKalb County to William and Ida (Yarnell) Myers. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale M. Rakestraw on Dec. 22, 1934. He died Dec. 4, 1983.

She then married Earl Skelly on June 25, 1992. He survives in Waterloo.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Mary Rakestraw of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Steve Birkenbeul of Coldwater, Mich., Rita and Fred Rice of Indianapolis and Carol Rakestraw of Auburn; three stepsons and their wives, Eldon and Marlene Skelly of Hamilton, John and Lois Skelly of Fort Wayne and Donald and Kathy Skelly of Ashley; three stepdaughters, Carolyn Sue (Skelly) Reinoehl and her husband, Everett, of Waterloo, Ellen (Skelly) Wilson of Waterloo and Dianna (Skelly) Owen of Rushville; a stepdaughter-in-law, Deborah Stilwell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 18 stepgrandchildren; 32 stepgreat-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Chester, Russell, Alfred, Floyd and Donald Myers, one sister, Florence Staley, one stepson, Larry Skelly, two stepsons-in-law, Steven Wilson and Steven Owen, two stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo. Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Paul Gillespie

PARSONS, Kan. — Paul D. Gillespie, 76, of Parsons, Kan., died at 1:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at the Elmhaven West Nursing Home in Parsons.

Mr. Gillespie was born May 16, 1930, in Auburn to Eber A. and Velaria G. (Blevins) Gillespie. He grew up in Auburn and served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years, from 1947 to 1969, serving in both the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

After retiring from the Navy, he worked for the U. S. Postal Service for 20 years in Phoenix, Ariz. He moved to Parsons in 1991.

He married Cassie L. "Bonnie" Dobbins on May 29, 1968, at Neodesha, Kan. She survives.

Also surviving are three stepsons, Mitchell L. Hollingsworth and Max T. "Terry" Hollingsworth, both of Parsons, and Marvin L. Keeling of Pittsburg, Kan.; 13 stepgrandchildren; 17 stepgreat-grandchildren; three brothers, John Gillespie of Garrett, Clarence Gillespie of Twain Harte, Calif., and Richard "Bud" Gillespie of Dandridge, Tenn.; and four sisters, Phyllis Deal of Phoenix, Ariz., June Bauer of St. Petersburg, Fla., Marilyn Evans of Van Buren, Ark., and Sandy Winebrenner of Pine, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, George Gillespie; and a sister, Pauline Stevens.

Services were conducted Dec. 27 at Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Parsons, Kan. Burial was in the Fort Scott National Cemetery with military honors.

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Wilbert Reed

ANDERSON — Wilbert M. Reed, 91, of Anderson and formerly of LaGrange died at 8:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at Edgewater Woods Nursing Home in Anderson.

Mr. Reed had been a barber in LaGrange for most of his adult life. He also drove a bus for Lakeland School Corp. He had worked on the construction bringing the first electricity to rural LaGrange County areas in 1935.

He served in the U.S. Army from November 1940 to January 1946. He used the G.I. Bill to attend barber school.

Mr. Reed was a member of Meridan Sun Lodge 76 F.&A.M. in LaGrange and 60-year member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange. He was also a member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and the First Church of God in Anderson.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing pool.

He was born Oct. 10, 1915, in Rochester to Fred and Mina (Miller) Reed. He married Virginia Trubey on Oct. 24, 1941, in LaGrange. She survives in Anderson.

Also surviving are a daughter, Phyllis Bryans of Anderson; and three grandchildren, Raymond Bryans, Suzanne Bryans and Nathan Bryans.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Edgar Reed and Virgil Reed; a sister, Freida Hammel; and a great-granddaughter, Madison Bryans.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Michael Schwartz of North Anderson Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Anderson Church of God in Anderson.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Betty Oesterwind

AVILLA — Betty J. Oesterwind, 79, of Avilla died at 12:47 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a resident since Nov. 16, 2005.

Mrs. Oesterwind had moved to Noble County seven years ago from Brookville, Fla. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Oesterwind was a member of the Red Hat Society and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was born March 25, 1927, in Ontario, Canada, to Herman and Anna (LaFerna) Oesterwind. She married Earl Oesterwind on May 25, 1946, in Detroit, Mich. He died July 5, 2005.

Surviving are Anna and Dave Kemerly of Avilla; a son, David Pauch of Detroit; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Linda and Bret Ramsay and David Jr. and Georgia Oesterwind, all of Avilla, and Sean McCarthy of Dearborn, Mich.; a great-grandson, Justin Ramsay of Avilla; and a brother-in-law, Patrick McCarthy of Dearborn.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 10, 2007, Wednesday

Tracy L. Stillwell, 32

CHURUBUSCO – Tracy L. (Hall) Stillwell, 32, a resident of rural Churubusco, and wife of Chad M. Stillwell, was received into the arms of Jesus Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 3, 2007, from injuries received in a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 33 and Blue Lake Road in Whitley County.

Born Aug. 9, 1974, in Fort Wayne, she spent her lifetime in the Churubusco area. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1993, and also attended Ivy Tech. For the past five years she had worked as an occupational therapist at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne and had previously worked at Parkview Hospital. She also worked part-time as an Avon representative.

Active in the Fair Play Volleyball League at Spiece, she had also played adult league softball and attended Sugar Grove Church of God, north of Churubusco.

On Sept. 21, 2002, she was married in Fort Wayne to Chad M. Stillwell.

Survivors include her husband, Chad; a step-daughter, Megan Ann Stillwell of Bourbon; her mother and step-father, Linda and Ken Eash of Fort Wayne; her father and step-mother, Larry and Brenda Hall of Churubusco; a sister, Lindsy Folsum of Fort Wayne; a step-sister, Angela (Todd) Freiburger of Fort Wayne; and her two dogs and companions, PD and Chili.

The funeral service was at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sugar Grove Church of God, with Pastor Tim Grable officiating. Interment was at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Humane Society of Whitley County, P.O. Box 245, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ruth Annalee Ardhuerumly, 73

CHURUBUSCO – Ruth Annalee Ardhuerumly, 73, a former resident of Churubusco, died early Thursday morning, Jan. 4, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital following a brief illness.

Born Feb. 3, 1933, in Albion, a daughter of the late Alvia and Eva (Diffendarfer) Hawk, she was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco and Albion area.

She had worked for Dexter Axle Company, retiring from there Feb. 13, 1998.

A lifelong member of the Calvary Chapel in Auburn, she was involved with the women of the church and Bible study.

Survivors include her children, Steven (Rita) Ardhuerumly; Michael (Beth) Ardhuerumly, both of Churubusco; and Jeffery and Robbie Ardhuerumly of Allen, Texas; eight grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Otis Calvin Hawk of Albion; three sisters, Jean Meyer of Churubusco; Eloiese (David) McClain of Bakersfield, Calif.; Helen (Fred) Baily of Houston, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Mildred Hawk of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Lenora Gross and Thelma Hawk; and two brothers, Raymond Hawk and Robert Hawk.

The funeral service was at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with Pastor Dennis Kutzner officiating. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 10, 2007, Wednesday

Dan Terry, 74

ALBION — Dan Terry, 74, of Albion died at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Terry was a trackman for what used to be Penn Central Railroad which became Conrail Railroad and is now part of the CSX Railroad.

He was born March 29, 1932, in Knott County, Ky., to Troy and Sadie (Ritchie) Terry.

He married Letha Williams on Sept. 8, 1955, in Hazard, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Darwin E. and Liz Terry of Kimmell and Bruce L. and Belita Terry of Albion; two daughters and a son-in-law, Vonda G. and Bill Payne of Albion and Treva K. Porter of Kimmell; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; two step-great grandchildren; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Betty Terry of Rutledge, Tenn., Grady and Louise Terry of Ary, Ky., and William and Alma Terry of Talcum, Ky.; and four sisters, Hazel Lovins of Batesville, Eva Stacy of Talcum, Ky., Elma Hawkins of Canton, Ga., and Thelma Terry of Talcum, Ky.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Sam Terry.

Services were at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle Church in Kimmell with pastors Jimmy Shephard and Glen Patrick officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

J. A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Eloise G. DeKoninck, 72

AUBURN - Eloise G. DeKoninck, 72, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. DeKoninck worked at Eagle-Picher in Ashley for 23 years, retiring in 1994. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and the Rosary Society. She volunteered at St. Martin's House and Harvest House.

She was born Feb. 11, 1934, in Yoder to Clarence and Selena (Schmidt) Harber. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale J. DeKoninck on June 8, 1957, in Yoder. He died Sept. 9, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael A. and Vickie DeKoninck of Avilla, David L. and Pam DeKoninck of Auburn and Mark A. and Deanna DeKoninck of Avilla; four daughters and sons-in-law, Diane K. and Chris Miles of Columbia City, Sandra S. and Terry Wilcox of Auburn, Joan M. and Russell Stockert of Garrett and Sharon A. and Rodney DeLong of Pierceton; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ruth Harber of Anderson, Audrey and Ralph Dietche of Fort Wayne, her twin, Eleanor, and George Hartman of Fort Wayne and Theresa Harber of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandez will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, to Masses or to the church.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 10, 2007, Wednesday

Melvin Richard "Mel" Wirick, 76

Melvin Richard "Mel" Wirick, age 76, died on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at his residence in Kendallville following an extended illness.

Mr. Wirick was born in Albion, Indiana on April 13, 1930 to Thomas and Lera (Heltzel) Wirick.

He graduated from Albion High School in 1949 and entered the United States Army in 1951 serving his country in the Korean War until 1953.

He then married Shirley Ann Marshall on June 8, 1955 in South Milford.

Mr. Wirick went back to school and in 1958 received a bachelor's degree in education from Ball State University.

He was employed with Pepsi Cola Company in Muncie and Anderson from 1954-1969 and then managed a sales territory with the Vernon Company from 1970-1993.

He was a Little League Baseball coach and board member of Kendallville Youth Baseball.

Mel loved watching his grandsons play sports and enjoyed playing golf himself.

Mr. Wirick was a civic-minded man and served on various local and state organizations.

He was a member and officer of the Kendallville Elks Lodge; twice past president of the Kendallville Kiwanis Club and Past Lt. Governor of the Indiana Kiwanis in 1993; he was honored with the McCulloch Award of the Indiana Kiwanis in 2004; he was a founding member of the East Noble Key Club; past member of Kendallville Park Board; Lake View Cemetery Board member; and the Wayne Township Advisory Board member.

He also was a member of the American Legion Post #87 and V.F.W. #2749 and the Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Wirick of Kendallville, daughter, Lisa Wirick of South Bend; daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Mike Kline of Rome City; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Angela Wirick of Fremont; grandchildren: Lucas Kline of Rome City and his fiance, Bridgett Kessling of Avilla; and Trevor and Seth Wirick of Fremont and Jessica and Emily Behrman also of Fremont; sister, Mary Belle Kline of South Milford.

He was preceded in death by parents; 5 brothers; Robert, Ray, Walt, Al, and John Wirick and 3 sisters; Ruth Reinoehl, Helen Kief, and Ruby Shaffer.

Funeral Services were Friday, December 15, 2006 at 11:00 am at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor John Maxson. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Wayne Center Church, Kendallville Youth Baseball.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Dale M. Uhl, 87

AVILLA - Dale M. Uhl, 87, of Avilla died at 11:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Uhl was a lifetime area resident and had been a farmer and driver for Uhl Oil Co. In his later years he had a paper route for The News-Sun.

He will be remembered as a very kind person and willing to help anyone in need.

He was born Aug. 30, 1919, in Jefferson County, Noble County, to Albert and Viola Jane (Swartz) Uhl. He married Marjorie Kemery on Dec. 30, 1940, at the Lutheran Church in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Patricia Uhl of Avilla; and a grandson, Shannon Uhl of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Clarence, Harold, Lester, Lawrence and Donald.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006, at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 10, 2007, Wednesday

Judith I. Copple, 63

AVILLA – Judith I. Copple, age 63, of Avilla, died on Sunday, January 7, 2007 at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Copple was born in Olney, Illinois on September 29, 1943 to Paul and Ellen (Porter) Grier.

She married William J. Copple on April 4,1964 in Washington, Indiana. Mr. Copple lives in Avilla.

She was employed with Cummins Engine Company, Columbus, Indiana for 30 years and retired in March 1998.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Also surviving are her mother, Ellen Grier of Greenwood, Indiana; two daughters and their husbands, Kyle and Jeff Huber of Troy, Michigan, and Chris and David Walter of Kendallville; AFS Foreign Exchange Daughter, Veronique Biche of Tournai, Belgium; two grandchildren, Margaret and Leland Huber of Troy, a sister, Jane McClure of Greenwood, two nieces, Lindsay McClure of Greenwood and Laurie McClure of Atlanta, Georgia.

Her father preceded her in yes death.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 11, 2007, from 4:00-8:00 pm with a rosary service at 7:00 pm at Hite Funeral Home 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, January 12, 2007 at 10:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Indiana.

Officiating the funeral service will be Fr. Edward Erpelding.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred Memorials are to the Multiple Myeloma Research Fund at the I.U. Cancer Center.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Floyd Keller Jr.

AUBURN — Floyd Keller Jr., 85, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at his daughter's home in LaOtto.

Mr. Keller

Mr. Keller was an Auburn resident until 1994, when he moved to Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Keller worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1972. He also was a Wilmington Township farmer. He was a charter member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Nov. 11, 1921, in Grant Township of DeKalb County to Floyd and Mildred (Rohm) Keller. They preceded him in death.

He married Martha I. Lower on Oct. 4, 1941, in Auburn. She died Sept. 30, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra K. and James LaRowe of LaOtto; a daughter-in-law, Lois Garman of Markle; two brothers, Eldon LeRoy Keller of Butler and Leonard "Skeet" Keller of Auburn; three sisters, Violet Provines of Butler, Carol Ann Cummings of Auburn and Sharon Sue Surface of Butler; six grandchildren, Curt Keller, Kim Mishler, Amy Evers, Daniel LaRowe, Mitch Keller and Jennifer Gray; 11 great-grandchildren; and a companion, Phyllis Freds.

He was preceded in death by a son, Cleo E. "Butch" Keller in 1977, and a brother, Harold Keller.

Violet Hollinger

WATERLOO — Violet M. Hollinger, 96, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Hollinger was a homemaker. She formerly was a member of the Hamilton Grange for 25 years.

She was born March 27, 1910, in Noble County, to Charles and Catherine (Putt) Wheeler. They preceded her in death.

She married Jay E. Hollinger on Jan. 24, 1927, in Albion. He died Sept. 10, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol Lung of Butler; five grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Faulkner; two brothers, Paul Wheeler and Riley Wheeler; a sister, Karri Holcomb; and two grandsons, Brian Lung and Kevin Faulkner.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Memorials are to the Corunna Community Church.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne.

Darold Cotterman

COLUMBIA CITY — Darold A. Cotterman, 82, of Columbia City died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

He was born June 2, 1924, in Melrose, Ohio, to Lawrence and Harriett Cotterman.

Mr. Cotterman was a World War II Army veteran.

He worked for Fruehauf Trailer Co. for 42 years and was a member of American Legion Post 98 in Columbia City.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lois Cotterman; a son, Michael A. Cotterman of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl A. and Don Wyckoff of Kendallville; grandchildren, Wade (Brent Dickson) Wyckoff of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Nicole Wyckoff of Bloomington, Stacey (Rob) Schaper of Kimmell and David Cotterman of Columbia City; and great-grandchildren, Rachel Cotterman and Desiree Schaper.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gaylord and Glenn Cotterman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.covingtonmemorial.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about a surviving relative.*

Edna Rakestraw Skelly

WATERLOO — Edna L. (Rakestraw) Skelly, 92, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at her home in rural Waterloo.

Mrs. Skelly

Mrs. Skelly was a homemaker. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo, the Cedar Lake Missions Circle, Franklin Township Homemakers Club and Lake James Christian Women's Assembly.

She was born April 19, 1914, in DeKalb County to William and Ida (Yarnell) Myers. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale M. Rakestraw on Dec. 22, 1934. He died Dec. 4, 1983.

She then married Earl Skelly on June 25, 1992. He survives in Waterloo.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Mary Rakestraw of Waterloo; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Steve Birkenbeul of Coldwater, Mich., Rita and Fred Rice of Indianapolis and Carol Rakestraw and her companion, Al Franze, of Auburn; three stepsons and their wives, Eldon and Marlene Skelly of Hamilton, John and Lois Skelly of Fort Wayne and Donald and Kathy Skelly of Ashley; three stepdaughters, Carolyn Sue (Skelly) Reinoehl and her husband, Everett, of Waterloo, Ellen (Skelly) Wilson of Waterloo and Dianna (Skelly) Owen of Rushville; a stepdaughter-in-law, Deborah Stilwell of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, 18 stepgrandchildren, 32 stepgreat-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Chester, Russell, Alfred, Floyd and Donald Myers, one sister, Florence Staley, one stepson, Larry Skelly, two stepsons-in-law, Steven Wilson and Steven Owen, two stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in rural Waterloo. Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of Christ or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Dorothy Oelfke

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy E. Oelfke, 83, of Kendallville and formerly of Avilla died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville where she had been a resident since January 1997.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Sara Jane Traycoff

AUBURN — Sara Jane Copsey Traycoff, 77, formerly of Indianapolis, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, in Auburn.

Mrs. Traycoff received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University. She was a teacher for 38 years, having been named teacher of the year in 1989. Her career began at IPS No. 72, and she later became chairperson of the English Department at Perry East Junior High and an English teacher at Southport High School. She was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church at Geist.

Surviving are a son, Jeff Hoffmeister; stepsons, Sergei and Gregor Traycoff; three grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Elisabeth Kissling.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip S. Traycoff.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Cremation Society of Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include corrected and new information.*

Betty Oesterwind

AVILLA — Betty J. Oesterwind, 79, of Avilla died at 12:47 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a resident since Nov. 16, 2005.

Mrs. Oesterwind had moved to Noble County seven years ago from Brookville, Fla. She was a homemaker and volunteered at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Oesterwind was a member of the Red Hat Society and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was born March 25, 1927, in Ontario, Canada, to Herman and Anna (LaFerna) Oesterwind. She married Earl Oesterwind on May 25, 1946, in Detroit, Mich. He died July 5, 2005.

Surviving are a daughter and two sons-in-law Anna and Dave Kemerly of Avilla and Patrick McCarthy of Dearborn, Mich.; a son, David Pauch of Detroit; four grandchildren, Linda and Bret Ramsay and David Jr. and Georgia Kemerly, all of Avilla, and Sean McCarthy of Dearborn; a great-grandson, Justin Ramsay of Avilla; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Nicole Ramsay.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher McCarthy in May 2005.

Memorial services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Terrance Carney

FOX LAKE, Ill. — Terrance "Terry" Carney, 59, of Fox Lake died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at Manor Care Nursing Home in Libertyville.

Mr. Carney was a Corvette specialist who attended car auctions buying and selling Corvettes and other vintage cars.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Carney was born May 6, 1947, to Thomas and Harriett (Klein) Carney. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Naples, Fla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shancy Carney of Fox Lake; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Jessie and Nick Iden of Fort Wayne and Meghan and Ken Cook of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Alicia Carney of California; three stepgrandchildren, Lane, Kenny and Andrew; and three nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Patrick and Michael.

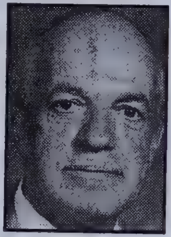
Memorial services were held Wednesday at St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside, Ill.

Memorials are to Melanoma Research Foundation, 24 Old Georgetown Road, Princeton, N.J.

K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home, Fox Lake, was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Gannon

MIDDLEBURY — Thomas J. Gannon, 72, of Middlebury died at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, in Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.



Mr. Gannon

Mr. Gannon was self-employed as a journeyman mason and real estate broker.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and an avid Notre Dame football and Chicago White Sox baseball fan.

Mr. Gannon had lived in Indiana since he was 11.

He was born Aug. 23, 1934, in Chicago to Leonard and Corrine (Boyer) Gannon. He married Joan Breniser on Feb. 23, 1963, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sheila J. Gannon of Middlebury, Jackie Zehr of Goshen and Patty and Rod Stump of Nappanee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Tracie Gannon and David and Kris Gannon, all of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jane and Pratt Curtis of Elkhart; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Patrick, Francis and James Gannon.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bristol with Father Robert Van Kempen officiating. Burial will be in Forest Grove Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to A.D.E.C., the Chiara Home of South Bend or Project Promise.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 11, 2007, Thursday

Joseph Wheeler

FORT WAYNE — Joseph M. "Maynard" Wheeler, 91, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007, at Woodview Healthcare Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wheeler was a native of Ligonier and 1935 graduate of Ligonier High School.

He had lived in Goshen and worked as an electrician at Studebaker in South Bend for many years. In 1967, he and his wife, Evelyn P. Saggars Wheeler, founded the M&E Laundromats in Elkhart. The couple moved to Fort Wayne in 1989 and his wife of 55 years died in 1992.

Mr. Wheeler was a 62-year member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185 F.&A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and Trinity Chapter 185 Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra K. Hohman of Fort Wayne; a son, Carl Wheeler of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lillibel Ellis of Sun City, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Brenda Hohman and Michael Hohman, both of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

Services were Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Graveside services wereat noon Wednesday at Oaklawn Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Trinity Chapter Order of Eastern Star or the Ligonier Masonic Lodge.

Betty McCullough

MILFORD — Betty L. McCullough, 58, of Milford died Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007, after a short and sudden illness.

McCullough was known as an important caregiver for her family. She enjoyed lighthouses, oldies music, sewing and her grandchildren. She had also worked as a bookkeeper.

She was born in March 1948 in Van Wert, Ohio, to Eddie and Cathern Bolinger. In June 1972, she married James R. McCullough. He survives.

Surviving are her mother; a son, Brent and Becca McCullough of Syracuse; two daughters, Amy McCullough of Middletown, Ohio, and Carissa and Darrell Sweeney of Syracuse; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services were held Saturday at Goshen Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses with Pat Carte officiating.

Donations "In Memory of Betty — A Loving Mother and Wife" are being accepted on behalf of the family by Brent McCullough.

McCullough's body has been cremated. The family plans to have a private graveside service at a later date at Lancaster Cemetery near Huntington.

Kline Funeral Home of Millersburg has assisted with arrangements

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Freda Gilbert

CHURUBUSCO — Freda E. Gilbert, 82, of Churubusco died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gilbert

Mrs. Glibert was a former resident of Swan Township in Noble County and a graduate of Huntertown High School.

She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church, its Rosary Sodality and American Legion Auxiliary, all in Churubusco, and the Park Hill Learning Center Mothers' Club in New Haven.

She was born Aug. 22, 1924, in Leo to Frederick and Agnes (Hosler) Wise. She married Edward Gilbert on Oct. 20, 1945, in Ege. He died April 1, 2005.

Surviving are her children, Fred and Coreen Gilbert of Fort Wayne, Thomas and Sue Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert and Edward Gilbert, all of Churubusco, Charles Gilbert of Warsaw, and Ellen Jefferies of LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Vivian Wise of Cypress, Calif.; a sister, Margaret Barrett of Angola; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Damian, Frederick, Joseph and Clem Wise; and a sister, Elizabeth Voirol.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Jesters at the University of Saint Francis.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

Dorothy Oelfke

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy E. Oelfke, 84, of Kendallville and formerly of Avilla died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Oelfke was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of Avilla High School.

She had been a homemaker and enjoyed walking, gardening, reading, canning, church activities and spending time with children.

Mrs. Oelfke was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aid Society.

She was born Jan. 9, 1923, in Noble County to Franklin Lloyd and Hazel (Eckels) Meyers. They are deceased. She married Alfred F. Oelfke in Angola. He died Feb. 6, 1963.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Brenda and Bruce Anglin and Glenda and Gary Englehart, all of Kendallville, and Linda Smolinski and her companion, Lee Parker, of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Karol Oelfke of Kendallville; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Donald and Celia Myers and Irene Myers, all of Kendallville, and Herb and Barb Myers of Avilla; 11 grandchildren, Tracie Edwards Fero, Kristie Edwards Byran, Zak Anglin, Shayna Anglin, Joline DiGirolamo, Carmen DiGirolamo, Matthew Smoliinski, Tiffany Smolinski Huff, Travis Smolinski, Sarah Englehart Appleton and Adam Kurtz; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Merle Myers on Dec. 24, 2006, and Marion Myers in World War II; and a granddaughter, Candice Smolinski.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Kendallville, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Mt. Pleasant Church and Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

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John North

FORT WAYNE — John Arlen North, 78, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A pioneer in the field of electronics, Mr. North retired from ITT as a professor in 1990.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, was a member of American Legion Post 296 and was a founding board member at Science Central. He was a former Yokefellow and Toastmaster. He was a member of the United Methodist Church for his entire adult life.

He was born Oct. 3, 1928, in Hammond.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Lou North of Fort Wayne; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Cindy and Steve Reuille of Fort Wayne, Kathy and Clayton Didion of Fort Wayne, Cherry North-Gallogly of Fort Wayne and Teresa and Charles Baumgartner-Middleton of Hamilton; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Tom North of Dallas, Texas, Tim North of Dallas and Jim and Laura North of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Wilbert and Virginia North of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Ardythe and Rex Hobbs of North Manchester; a sister-in-law, Dorothy North-Burhop of Fort Wayne; 27 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter and four brothers and sisters.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mike Harris officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Science Central.

Dorothy Borne

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy E. Borne, 82, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Auburn.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Arcola United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to the church.

Burial will be at a later date in Covington Memorial Gardens. Covington Memorial Funeral Home of Fort Wayne is handling arrangements.

To sign a guest book, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Lorraine Carmichael

LAGRANGE — Lorraine P. Carmichael, 77, of Fish Lake in LaGrange County died at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

David Ryan

ANGOLA — David Joseph Ryan, 40, of Angola and formerly of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ryan was born Jan. 11, 1966, in Hicksville, Ohio, to John Ryan and Pamela Hassett. He worked as a builder and carpenter.

He enjoyed NASCAR racing, being a mechanic, cooking and playing poker. He attended Fremont High School and had also lived in Tennessee and Michigan.

Surviving are his mother in Tellico Plains, Tenn., and his father in Kennard; two children, Kerstin and Jordan Ryan, both of Christmas, Mich.; his fiancee, Kathleen Verity of Angola; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Christy Adkins of Tellico Plains, Tami and Joe Summers of Bristol and Alisa and George Neutz; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ron and Terry Ryan of Jacksonville, N.C., Todd and Vicky Ryan of LaGrange and Steve Ryan of Tellico Plains; his grandmother, Opal Hassett of Fremont; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by grandparents Adrian Burl "Tug" Hassett and Willard and Elma Ryan; and a sister, Anna Marie Ryan.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m., and one hour following the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 2420 N. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46803; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revisions to the information originally submitted to the newspaper.*

Floyd Keller Jr.

AUBURN — Floyd Keller Jr., 85, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at his daughter's home in LaOtto.

Mr. Keller was an Auburn resident until 1994, when he moved to Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Keller

Mr. Keller worked for Warner Gear in Auburn for 18 years, retiring in 1972. He also was a Wilmington Township farmer. He was a charter member of the Butler Eagles.

He was born Nov. 11, 1921, in Grant Township of DeKalb County to Floyd and Mildred (Rohm) Keller. They preceded him in death.

He married Martha I. Lower on Oct. 4, 1941, in Auburn. She died Sept. 30, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra K. and James LaRowe of LaOtto; a daughter-in-law, Lois Garman of Markle; two brothers, Eldon LeRoy Keller of Butler and Leonard "Skeet" Keller of Michigan; three sisters, Violet Provines of Butler, Carol Ann Cummings of Auburn and Sharon Sue Surface of Auburn; six grandchildren, Curt LaRowe, Kim Mishler, Amy Ewers, Daniel LaRowe, Mitch Keller and Jennifer Gray; 11 great-grandchildren; and a companion, Phyllis Freds.

He was preceded in death by a son, Cleo E. "Butch" Keller in 1977, and a brother, Harold Keller.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne.

Theresa Zimmerman

HUDSON — Theresa M. "Tracy" Zimmerman, 43, of Hudson died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Zimmerman was born Sept. 17, 1963, in Chicago to Keith and Delores (Vahl) Perkins. She married Bill Zimmerman on May 3, 1985, and he survives.

She enjoyed cooking and had worked as a cook at Southern Flair in Georgia.

Also surviving are her father in Lyons, Ga.; a son, Gus Zimmerman of Hudson; a daughter, Stephanie Zimmerman of Hudson; a brother, Tony Perkins of Vidalia, Ga.; six sisters, Debbie Anderson of Jesup, Ga., Karen Emerick, Kathy Neesmith and Dottie Hutchinson, all of Vidalia, Krissy Oliver of Collins, Ga., and Connie Durrence of Glenville, Ga.; and a half sister, Vonita Hollis of Vanway, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

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Lura Spangler

BRYAN, Ohio — Lura E. Spangler, 94, of Bryan, Ohio, died on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, Ohio.

Mrs. Spangler was born Sept. 20, 1912, in Defiance County to William E. and Viola (Huber) Sholl. She was a homemaker and member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Williams Center. She married Herbert Spangler on May 10, 1936, in Defiance, Ohio, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerrold and Kay Spangler of Bryan and Duane and Barb Spangler of Bryan; a daughter, Lindell Campbell of Bryan; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Burr Funeral Home and Crematory, Bryan, with Pastor Tamara Russell officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m.

Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery, Farmer, Ohio.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church, Park View Nursing Center Activities Fund or donor's choice.

Russell Woodruff

ELKHART — Russell Woodruff, 39, of Elkhart died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at home.

Mr. Woodruff was born Sept. 7, 1967, in Columbia City to Dale Woodruff and Jean Lett. He was a 1986 graduated of Angola High School.

Surviving are his mother, Jean D. Ham in South Whitley; his father and stepmother, Dale and Janet Woodruff of Crossville, Tenn.; his grandparents, Francis and Phyllis Denny of Warsaw; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Gwendalen and John Loftus of Angola and Claudia and Dean Bobay and Leigh Anne and Kim Bowman, all of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family memorial service will be held. There will be no calling; cremation has taken place.

Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Vera Spreen

HUNTINGTON — Vera P. Spreen, 83, of Huntington died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington.

She had been a homemaker.

Mrs. Spreen was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Huntington and a former member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and its Ladies Aid Society.

She was born Feb. 8, 1923, in Noble County to Clinton and Marie (Krudop) Diehm.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and David Kendall of Huntington; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Barbara Spreen of Huntington; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Spreen in 1978; and a brother, Paul H. Diehm.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Richard Lofgren officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Peter Lutheran Church or The Lutheran Hour.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors in information fom the funeral home.*

Dorothy Oelfke

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy E. Oelfke, 84, of Kendallville and formerly of Avilla died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Oelfke was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of Avilla High School.

She had been a homemaker and enjoyed walking, gardening, reading, canning, church activities and spending time with children.

Mrs. Oelfke was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aid Society.

She was born Jan. 9, 1923, in Noble County to Franklin Lloyd and Hazel (Eckels) Myers. They are deceased. She married Alfred F. Oelfke in Angola. He died Feb. 6, 1963.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Brenda and Bruce Anglin and Glenda and Gary Englehart, all of Kendallville, and Linda Smolinske and her companion, Lee Parker, of Avilla; a son and daughter, Greg and Karol Oelfke of Kendallville; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Donald and Celia Myers and Irene Myers, all of Kendallville, and Herb and Barb Myers of Avilla; 11 grandchildren, Tracie Edwards Fero, Kristie Edwards Byran, Zak Anglin, Shayna Anglin, Joline DiGirolamo, Carmen DiGirolamo, Mathew Smolinske, Tiffany Smolinske Huff, Travis Smolinske, Sarah Englehart Appleton and Adam Kurtz; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Merle Myers on Dec. 24, 2006, and Marion Myers in World War II; and a granddaughter, Candice Smolinske.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Kendallville, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant Church and Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Robert Weisbach

COLDWATER, Mich. — Robert D. Weisbach, 61, of Coldwater died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He had worked for Eckrich Meats 30 years and for Dameron Trucking Co. for five years.

Mr. Weisbach was a member of the Moose Lodge in Fremont, the Eagles Lodge in Coldwater, and the American Legion in Quincy, Mich.

He was born Aug. 24, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Rudolph and Helen (Harding) Weisbach.

Surviving are an aunt and her husband, Joan and Herbert Hedges Merz of Fort Wayne; and cousins Marilyn Harding, James and Sheryl Hedges, Ronald and Tracy Harding and Randy and Cathy Harding, all of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and a brother, Rudolph Weisbach Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Dr. Hal Thomas officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Judith Eisenhut

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Judith Ellen Eisenhut, 63, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2007, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a history and social studies teacher at DeKalb High School for 20 years, retiring in 2001.

She was a member of Salem United Church of Christ, Retired Teachers Association and National Teachers Association. She received her bachelor's degree from Indiana University in 1965 and a master's degree from St. Francis in 1970. She enjoyed traveling the world and visiting her nieces and nephews.

Surviving are her sister, Suzanne Rahe of Winfield, Ill.; an aunt, Evelyn Eisenhut of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two nephews, Edward and Brian Rahe; a niece, Kathleen Dillinger; three great-nieces, Victoria Dillinger and Caitlyn and Kelly Rahe; and a great-nephew, James Dillinger

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday in D.O McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, The Rev. Norm Conklin will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salem United Christ of Christ.

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Richard Barton

ARCHBOLD, Ohio — Richard T. Barton Sr., 80, formerly of Angola, Ind., and now of Archbold, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, after a lengthy illness.

He was founder and past president of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architects and Engineers, retiring in 1998.

He was born Dec. 2, 1926, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Harvey and Gertrude (Fasey) Barton. He was raised in Cape May Court House, N.J.

He was a graduate of Marshall University and Indiana Institute of Technology and a registered architect and civil engineer. He had been vice president of Bradley & Bradley Architects Inc., before founding his company.

A former U.S. Marine, he served in Panama at the end of World War II and stateside during the Korean War.

He designed many local schools, and clients included Fort Wayne Community Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools, M.S.D. Southwest Allen County Schools, Wa-Nee Community Schools, Wawasee Community Schools and the Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

He was a member of the American Institute of Architects, past president of Fort Wayne Society of Architects and vice president of the Northeast Chapter, past director of the Indiana Society of Architects, a member of the Fort Wayne commercial building code committee and served on the Indiana Administrative Building Council.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Holly Barton; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard T. and Cindy Barton Jr. of South Whitley, Ind.; a daughter, Jill Brady of Albion, Ind.; two brothers, Donald Barton of Wilmington, and Harvey Barton Jr. of Turnersville, N.J.; a sister, Dorothy Pratt of New Jersey; five grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and his pet cats.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Gertrude Clark; a daughter, C. Dawn Franklin; a son, David Barton; and a grandson, Brian Barton.

A private family graveside service has taken place.

There will be a gathering for family and friends to celebrate Mr. Barton's life in the Snow Lake Room of the Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter, Angola, or the Independent Cat Society, P.O. Box 735, Westville, IN, 46391.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Robert Weeks

FORT WAYNE — Robert A. "Bob" Weeks, 81, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Select Specialty Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Weeks had been a foreman with Fort Wayne Structural Steel. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife, Della Weeks of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Dianna and Al Arlic of Roanoke and Debbie Weeks and Becky Weeks, both of Corunna; two grandchildren, Al Arlic III and Artemis Thompson; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Janice Spranger of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron; a great-grandson, Weston; and two brothers, Dick and Norb Weeks.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Richard Koehneke officiating. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, with military graveside honors.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans.

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Lorraine Carmichael

LAGRANGE — Lorraine P. Carmichael, 77, of LaGrange died at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. She had been in declining health for some time.

She was a homemaker, and also she had worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco, Monsanto in Ligonier and Tokeheim Corp. in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed her grandchildren, reading and television.

She was born April 25, 1929, in Leroy to Charles and Hattie Allen.

On Oct. 4, 1952, she married Johnnie R. Carmichael in Hebron. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gilbert "Jake" Sanders of Chicago; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Steve Helmkamp of Avilla; a stepdaughter and her husband, Beverly and Don Henderson of Avon; seven grandchildren, Autumn and Tom Brown, Amber, Ashley and Stephen Helmkamp, Ashley Emerson, and Amanda and Anthony Carmichael; three stepgrandchildren, Scott, Brad and Jennifer Henderson; several great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bob Allen of Whitefish, Minn.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a daughter, Diana Lynn Perry; a granddaughter, Jada Perry; a stepson, Wayne Carmichael; and a stepgrandson, Johnnie W. Carmichael; two brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be at the Avilla Cemetery

Calling will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Lawrence Morrison

KENDALLVILLE — Pastor Lawrence E. "Larry" Morrison, 91, of Kendallville died at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his residence.

Mr. Morrison

He had been a minister with the Church of Christ since 1954, and served at Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Leo, Washington Street Church of Christ in Decatur and Ellisville Church of Christ. Since his retirement in 1989 he had been a pulpit supply minister.

Prior to and during his full time ministry, he also worked at Central Soya in Decatur, farmed and worked at LaOtto Metal Fabricating. Before his marriage he worked as a clerk for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Butler, Mo.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Pastor Morrison was born May 6, 1915, in Lisle, Mo., to Jesse Franklin and Lillian Naomi (Hunter) Morrison.

He married his first wife, Dorothy L. Howe, on Oct. 2, 1937, in Missouri. She died Nov. 6, 1992.

On July 11, 1993, in Savannah, Mo., he married Velma I. Karr. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Anita L. Spegel of Decatur, Velma Jean and Keith Weimer of Avilla, Karolyn Sue and Robert Geinger of Avilla, Beverly Ann Minch of Decatur and Donna Kay and Ralph Bailer of Decatur; a stepdaughter and her husband, Patricia and Gary Atkins of Rosendale, Mo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Erma and Don Sliger of Decatur; a sister-in-law, Eilee Morrison of Bellview, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his first wife; a sister, Lois Klunder; two brothers, Leonard Morrison and Glenn Morrison; one great-grandson; one stepgranddaughter; and one stepgreat-grandson.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the First Church of Christ, Garrett, Pastor Jim Lilley and Rick Weimer officiating. Burial will be at Decatur Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday at the church and from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett, or the Decatur Church of Christ.

Dorothy Green

WOLCOTTVILLE — Dorothy E. Green, 77, a former resident of Blackman Lake, died at 11:20 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, in Payne, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at the Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

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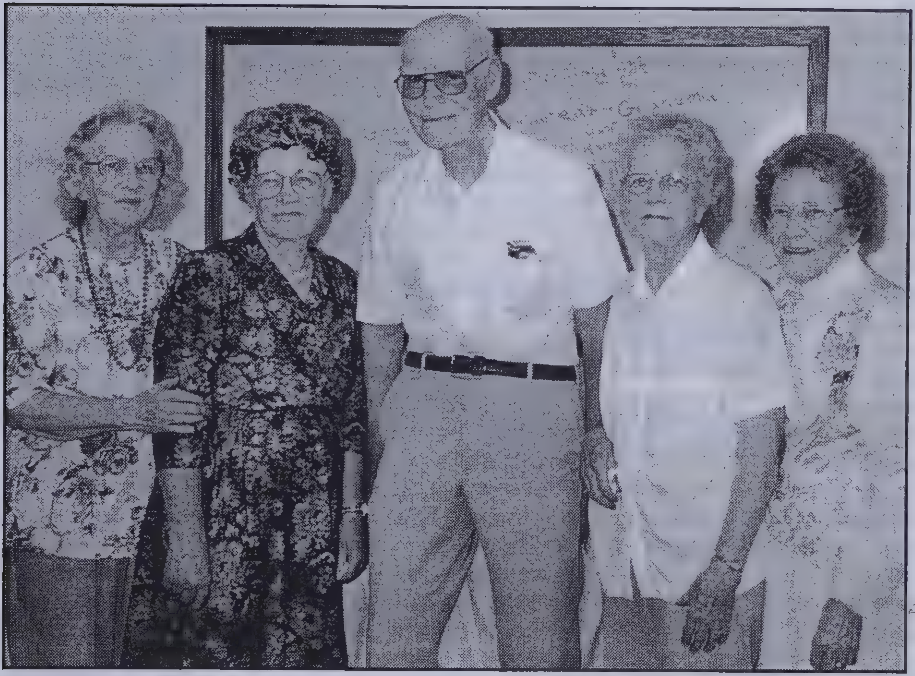
A humble, soft-spoken person

Friends say Bertha Shoudel always was thinking of others



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Bertha Shoudel, left, is pictured with her brother, Roy Shoudel, and sisters Ruby Yoder, second from left; Gladys Wilcoxson, second from right; and Lela Schwartz, right. Bertha, 82, the youngest of the Shoudel children, died Jan. 3 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

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The Garden Lesson

We made a garden, God and I,
Beneath a lovely summer sky.
With strength he gave I tilled the soil,
and cleared the weeds in weary toil.

Could there be life, I thought within
Those seeds so brown, so small and
thin?
I placed them gently ‘neath the sod,
Then waited patiently for God.

He sent warm sunshine, gentle rain,
And made those dry seeks live again.
Up through the earth came peeking
through,
Peas, carrots, beets, and flowers, too.

Then from our garden plot I prayed
Lord, may my trust on Thee be stayed,
That when I'm placed beneath the sod,
My faith and hope will be in God.

That in the resurrection fair,
In a brand new body I'll be there,
Changed in the twinkling of an eye,
Forever with Christ to reign on high!

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — In most every church of every denomination, there can be found a worshiper who faithfully sits in the same pew and in the same spot, Sunday after Sunday.

At the Hopewell United Brethren Church, Bertha Shoudel was that person.

Miss Shoudel, 82, was recalled by her pastor, the Rev. John Erwin, as “a very humble, soft-spoken person. She was a woman of prayer.”

Miss Shoudel died Jan. 3 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital. She never married, and is survived only by a brother, two sisters, 15 nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Erwin said Miss Shoudel was always thinking of others.

“One of the things she did a lot was to send cards, with pastings of pictures or words about the message she wanted to get across. She was very creative,” Erwin said.

Patsy Harris, a niece of Miss Shoudel, said she received a 25th anniversary card from her aunt that contained pages of information, including a copy of the wedding invitation and a clipping about the marriage from a newspaper.

Harris called her aunt “very appreciative and very grateful” and not at all worldly. “She was a simple person, with simple needs,” she said. She loved poetry, and especially author Helen Steiner Rice.

Miss Shoudel was an employee of the Messenger Corp. for 34 years, and was very excited when her employer used a poem Miss Shoudel wrote on one of its calendar products.

“She was thrilled when that happened,” recalled Jackie Carnahan of Auburn, a friend of more than 50 years and a shirt-tail relative.

Carnahan met Miss Shoudel at a Sunday school party, when she dated her future husband, Ralph Carnahan.

“Bertha was there, and she just became a part of our lives,” Jackie Carnahan said.

According to Carnahan, Miss Shoudel “was the epitome of humility” who cared very much about others.

“Being a care-giver was a part of who she was,” Carnahan said. Miss Shoudel first cared for her mother when she was made an invalid by arthritis. When her nephews, Gail and Wayne Wilcoxson, were children, she cared for them, too, she said.

Gail Wilcoxson said his aunt loved gardening, especially mowing the lawn.

“I would get it (the mower) started for her, and she would mow for hours, or until she got tired,” he said. She also tended a birdfeeder, bringing it in every night and putting it back out in the morning, something that her father had also done.

Gardening no doubt paid a part in the writing of her 1977 published poem, “The Garden Lesson” (see box at right).

Miss Shoudel's pastor said a sticky note was found among Miss Shoudel's possessions, and was obviously meaningful to her.

“It said, ‘The music of your life will be sweeter if you are not always tooting your own horn,’” he said.

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Dorothy Green

WOLCOTTVILLE — Dorothy E. Green, 77, a former resident of Blackman Lake, died at 11:20 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home in Payne, Ohio, where she had been a resident since September 2005.

Mrs. Green

She was born Jan. 14, 1929, in Paulding, Ohio, to Elia F. and Rachel (Bix) Sontchi.

She graduated from Paulding High School and was employed at Weatherhead in Antwerp, Ohio, from 1958-69.

On June 28, 1969, she married William E. Green. They made their home in Wolcottville until 1994, when they moved to Blackman Lake. Mr. Green died Sept. 11, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sandy and Jim Bowers of Antwerp, Pamela Stevens of Topeka and Paula and Mike Martz of Wolcottville; one son and daughter-in-law, David Michael and Pat Maberson of Fort Wayne; one stepson and his wife, Ronald and Julie Green of Corunna; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Diane and John Anderson of Van Wert, Ohio, and Donna and Steve Lippi of Cavette, Ohio; 19 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Homer Sontchi of Defiance, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Sontchi and Ed Sontchi, and two sisters, Florence Gelbuda and Marie Lehman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City with Pastor Mike Schneider officiating.

Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Dallas Lamb Activities Fund or Paulding County Hospice.

Sierra Gayhart

GOSHEN — Sierra Pearl Gayhart, 5 weeks old, of Goshen died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Anna Honaker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Anna F. Honaker, 96, of Wolcottville died at her home Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007. Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Annabel Growcock

WAWAKA — Annabel May Growcock, 84, of Wawaka died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, in Seattle, Wash. Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Mary Donaldson

ANGOLA — Mary Louise Donaldson, 70, of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, in East Pasco Care Center in Dade City, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Catherine Miller

EGE — Catherine M. Miller, 98, of Ege died at 12:50 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Although she had been in declining health for some time, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Miller was born Nov. 29, 1908, in New York, N.Y., to William and Mary Riley Wren, and spent her formative years in the city.

She married Gustave A. Miller May 31, 1930, in New York, N.Y., and lived in North Bergen, N.J. until moving to Noble County in 1976. Mr. Miller died Jan. 6, 1991.

While living in North Bergen, she was employed in the meat department at the Shop Rite Grocery for six years.

She enjoyed sewing and cooking and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege in Noble County.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Grace Sanders of Port Richey, Fla., Kathy and Ed Tipton of Churubusco and Barbara and Robert Huff of Denver, Colo.; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, her husband and parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating.

Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, where the rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be sent at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Ira Borkholder

GOSHEN — Ira J. Borkholder, 75, of rural Goshen died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at 7:15 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Borkholder was a cabinet maker and farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 3, 1931, in Nappanee to John and Fannie (Yoder) Borkholder. They preceded him in death.

He married Arlowene Slabach on March 15, 1956, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Loren and Marilyn Borkholder of Nappanee, and John and Shirley Borkholder, Larry and Alta Borkholder and Lavon and Rita Borkholder, all of Goshen; a daughter, Norine Borkholder of Goshen; 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Isaac and Dorothy Borkholder of Nappanee; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Anna and Daniel Graber of LaGrange, Mary Schrock of Shipshewana, Laura and Earl Miller of Nappanee and Edna Miller of Nappanee; three half-brothers and their wives, Ray and Fannie Borkholder of Middlefield, Ohio, and John and Fannie Borkholder and Jonas and Ellen Borkholder, all of Clymer, N.Y.; three stepbrothers and their wives, Daniel and Betty Borkholder of Middlefield, Ohio, William and Mary Borkholder of Clymer, N.Y., and Owen and Mary Borkholder of Munfordville, Ky.; and a stepsister and her husband, Mary Ann and Jake Miller of Clymer, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Andrew and Nathaniel Borkholder, and a sister, Clara Borkholder.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Larry Borkholder residence, 14835 C.R. 34, Goshen. Bishop Simon Schmucker and the home ministers will officiate. Burial will be in Clinton Union Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday ata the Larry Borkholder residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is handling arrangements. Onlline condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Norraine Kosturik

AUBURN — Norraine Emmaline "Emmy" Kosturik, 81, of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Kosturik

Mrs. Kosturik worked at McNeal's Black Angus and also the Village Inn, both in Grand Haven, Mich. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, where she was active in the Legion of Mary and Harvest House.

She was born in Baraga, Mich., on Sept. 30, 1925, to Mose and Exilia (Sylvester) Bellaire.

She married John P. Hurns on April 23, 1951. He died Jan. 22, 1968. She married Louis J. Kosturik Aug. 30, 1969, in Grand Haven, Mich. He died Feb. 21, 1999.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia Hurns Koeppe and Kurt Koeppe of Auburn; five grandchildren, Collette Johnson, Terri Gilbert, Angela Secrist, Chelsea Merkle and Abbe Harpp; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Jeanine Pelto of Baraga, Mich., Marie Tahtinen of Troy, Mich., and June Allm of Tulsa, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at the church. The rosary will be recited at 4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County chapter of the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Noah Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Noah A. Miller, 89, of rural Shipshewana died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the David Farmwald residence, 9645 W. S.R. 120, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence.

A complete obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

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Irene Guinther

KENDALLVILLE — Irene M. Guinther, 95, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Guinther was honored as Indiana's outstanding teacher in 1971. She taught at Pleasantville High School for eight years, at Hobart Junior High School for four years and at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett for 15 years, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn and was interested in Bible study.

She was born Aug. 13, 1911, in Sullivan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell W. Guinther, a son, Paul Wendel Guinther, a daugher, Martha Ann Guinther, five brothers and one sister.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Dana Guinther of Goshen; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Lauren Treesh of DeKalb County; a brother, Hal Meurer of Long Branch, N.J.; five grandchildren, Mariah A. Hobson-Walker of Rome City, Kimberly Hope Hobson-Gage of Fort Wayne, Richard Russell Hobson of Indiana, Lauren Treesh of Ashley and Lauren James Treesh of Waterloo; and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Kingdom Hall, 1020 Ensley Ave., Auburn. Richard Meurer will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Auburn Kingdom Hall or Shelter Ministries of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Gertrude Severson

GARRETT — Gertrude E. Severson, 94, of Garrett, died at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

Nealyce Staudinger

STROH — Nealyce "Kay" Staudinger of Stroh died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Noah Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Noah A. Miller, 89, of Shipshewana died at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born June 19, 1917, in Hutchinson, Kan., to Andrew and Lydia (Beachy) Miller. He married Susie Yoder on Nov. 4, 1943, in Haven, Kan. She survives.

Also surviving are six sons and five daughters-in-law, Marvin and Katie Miller, Alton and Debra Miller, Perry and Polly Miller and Ivan and Doris Miller, all of Shipshewana, David and Debbie Miller of Kansas City, Mo., and Vernon Miller of Spencerville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Richard Lambright of Shipshewana and Esther and Glen Miller of Middlebury; a daughter-in-law, Esther Miller of LaGrange; two sisters, Sadie Hochstetler of Shipshewana and Elva Yoder of Middlebury; a brother, Andrew Miller of Macon, Miss.; 51 grandchildren; and 48 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Howard Miller; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; six sisters; and a brother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the David Farmwald residence, 9645 W. S.R. 120, Shipshewana, with Bishop Dean Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day today at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Harris

ANGOLA — Virginia R. Harris, 85, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Harris was born Dec. 7, 1921, in Beech Glen, W.Va., to Augustus C. and Lola Bell (Keenan) Legg. She worked in sales for a number of years in Cleveland, Ohio.

She married Howard W. Harris on June 6, 1944, in Point Marion, Pa. He preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1988.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Ronda A. Hosier of Dayton, Ohio and Regina D. and Blaine Lease of Pleasant Lake; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth H. and Judith Harris of Andover, Ohio, and Joseph K. Harris of Emmitsburg, Md.; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by eight brothers and three sisters.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Sierra Gayhart

LAGRANGE — Sierra Pearl Gayhart, infant daughter of Gary W. Gayhart and Erica Weidner of Goshen died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

She was born Dec. 11, 2006, in Elkhart.

Although she did not live long, she touched the lives of those who knew her.

Also surviving are a sister, Cassie Gayhart of Shipshewana; and grandparents, Karla Weidner of Elkhart, Sam and Mary Weidner of Edwardsburg, Mich., and Jerry and Iva Haston of LaGrange.

Private burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery at Stroh.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Memorial Hospital, South Bend, or Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Gertrude Severson

GARRETT — Gertrude E. Severson, 94, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Severson had been a nurse's aide at the Garrett Hospital. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid, LWML and Bible class.

She was born April 19, 1912, to Otto and Alma (Radtke) Imm in Town of Main, Wis. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Walter Hoppe in 1936, and he died in 1941. She married Charles "Red" J. Severson on July 2, 1947, in Wausau, Wis., and he preceded her in death on May 9, 1982.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Karen Severson of Sturgis, Mich., and Daryl and Susan Severson of LaOtto; two grandchildren, Brian Severson and his wife, Jane, of Statesville, N.C., and Sherry Severson of Wolcottville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Otto and Lenore Imm of Wausau and Charles Imm of Sturgis; a brother-in-law, Art Verick of Wausau; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Diana Hettinga, Beatrice Delf and Janet and James Burns, all of Wausau; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Lawrence and Marvin Imm, and four sisters, Lorena Champnell, Agnes Page, Vangie Verick and Eva Grueling.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church .

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett.

Condolences are to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Anna Honaker

Mrs. Honaker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Anna Florence "Grannie" Honaker, 96, of Wolcottville died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Honaker moved to this area in 1935 from Kentucky.

She worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville from 1941 to 1947. She then worked at Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., and retired from there in 1975 with 28 years of service.

Following her retirement, Mrs. Honaker worked at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange as a nurses' aide for approximately three years and then in the meat department at the Wolcottville IGA from 1981 to 2002 when she permanently retired.

Mrs. Honaker was born Aug. 2, 1910, in Yocum in Morgan County, Ky., to Floyd and Martha (Ratliff) Lewis. She married Roy Honaker on June 26, 1926, in Royalton, Ky. He died April 17, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Eugene Barnes of Wolcottville; a son, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; 24 grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Robert Honaker and James Honaker; four grandsons, Rex Honaker, Robin Barnes, Shane Honaker and Michael Honaker; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Nicole Miller, Kim Barnes, Mike Brockman, Carvin Miller, Brett Honaker and Tracy Honaker.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Rev. Frederick Libby

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Dr. Frederick J. Libby, 78, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Everett, Mass., and was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church. He served in the Army during World War II in Tokyo, Japan. He was a graduate of Boston University with a degree in education.

He was a professor at Payne College in Augusta, Ga., then was a graduate of the lay ministry program at Concordia University in Milwaukee, Wis., and served as a lay minister at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine, Ill.

He was a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne with a Master of Theology degree. He pastored at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hudson.

He received his doctorate in behavioral sciences from Kennedy Western University. He was a clinical associate with the Family Counseling Center in Auburn and was an instructor of psychology at Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra A. Libby; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn H. and Seth Leis of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Kennan and Piper Leis.

Services will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 2131 Getz Road, with Pastor Robert A. Bruckner officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael Lutheran Church.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Frederick Showalter

STURGIS, Mich. — Frederick W. Showalter, 90, of Sturgis died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, in Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis.

He had been a driver for a furniture moving company and drove local and long-distance routes.

Mr. Showalter was a member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

He was born May 22, 1916, in Halstead, Kan., to Frederick and Pauline (Laisey) Showalter. He married Maxine Wilson on May 28, 1942, in Pueblo, Colo. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Larry Gingerich of White Pigeon; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Elsie Showalter of Three Rivers; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry Showalter and William Showalter; and two sisters, Dora Showalter and Mildred Showalter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Dan Petry officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Annabel Growcock

WAWAKA — Annabel May (Fike) Growcock, 84, of Wawaka died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Harbor View Hospital in Seattle, Wash., while visiting her son.

Mrs. Growcock

Mrs. Growcock had retired from Essex Wire in Topeka.

She was a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 14, 1922, in DeKalb County to Howard and Ruth (Christlieb) Fike. She first married Elmer Strater and he died in 1971. She then married Sidney VanDousen and he died in 1981. Her third husband, William D. Growcock, died in 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Jeanne Strater of Yakima, Wash.; a brother, Wayne Fike of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Miller in 2001; two sisters, Dorothy Latta and Beulah Critten; and a brother, Glen Fike.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Martha Schlabach

TOPEKA — Martha Schlabach, 68, of Topeka died at 7:50 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at the John Gingerich residence.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and had worked at ARC in LaGrange County for 15 years.

She was born Aug. 24, 1938, in Topeka to Jacob and Susie (Schrock) Schlabach. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Katie Kuhns of Topeka; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Susie Schlabach of Dalton, Wis., and Melvin and Ida Mae Schlabach of LaGrange; a half brother and his wife, John and Elizabeth Helmuth of Topeka; and two half sisters, Lovina Yoder of LaGrange and Mary Ellen Gingerich and her husband, John, of Milford.

She was also preceded in death by four half sisters; five half brothers; two stepsisters; and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at her home with Bishop Ervin Bontrager Jr. and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after noon today and all day Wednesday at her home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

N. Kay Staudinger

Mrs. Staudinger

LAGRANGE — Neallyce Kay Staudinger, 68, of Stroh died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Staudinger was born in Muncie on Dec. 18, 1938, to Robert H. and Mary Helen (Jones) Coleman. Her parents preceded her death.

She graduated from Muncie High School in 1958 and married Herbert John Staudinger on July 28, 1973, in Muncie. He died Jan. 5, 1991.

Mrs. Staudinger was employed as a manager and a waitress at Maynard's Lounge in Muncie for many years. She also was office manager of the National Handicap Association in Muncie and was employed as a clerk with Amoco Oil gas station in Kendallville. For many years, she was a baby sitter.

She was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church north of Wolcottville and was an avid collector of salt and pepper shakers, angels and Precious Moments figurines.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Tammy McNeely of Cambridge City, Alfred and Kendra Burgess of Muncie, Edward and Diane Staudinger of Muncie and Richard and Cindy Garringer of Ridgeville; two daughters, Sandy Staudinger of Stroh and Storm Russell of Muncie; a stepdaughter, Deb Mercer of Muncie; two stepsons and their wives, Steve and Chung Hye Staudinger of Newark, N.J., and Stanley and Trish Staudinger of Indianapolis; two sisters, Cheri High of Middletown and Renee Smith of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Five Corners Baptist Church, S.R. 3, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory in Muncie. Pallbearers will be Jason Mercer, Josh Mercer, Richard Garringer, Travis Staudinger, Bobby McNeely and Eddie Staudinger.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences to the family may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Mary Brewer

SYRACUSE — Mary Lou Brewer, 85, of Syracuse died at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Brewer

Mrs. Brewer had been a teacher in the South Bend schools for 23 years.

She served her country during World War II from 1943-1945.

Mrs. Brewer was a member of All Saints Episcopal Chapel in Syracuse and the American Legion, VFW and Lions Club, all in Syracuse. She was the treasurer for the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation.

She was born Dec. 31, 1921, in Warsaw to Floyd and Alys (Kilby) Stevens. She married John W. Brewer on Dec. 17, 1961, and he died in 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-laws, Jacquie and Steve Giles of Syracuse, Elizabeth and Jim Slain of Kendallville and Michelle Jedych of Mishawaka; one son, Erique Paradis of Angola; a stepson, William Gardner of Tempe, Ariz.; a brother, Robert Stevens of Oklahoma City, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McClintic Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials are to the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, P.O. Box 548, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Richard Reed

ANGOLA — Richard Quattlebaum Reed, 56, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reed was born on July 10, 1950, in Vincennes.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Dorothy McKibbin

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy McKibbin, 96, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. McKibbin

Services for Mrs. McKibbin are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
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Man, 73, dies in fire

BOB BRALEY

A 73-year-old Wolf Lake man died in a house fire this morning in southwestern Noble County. According to police, the man had initially escaped the blaze, but went back into the house to retrieve keys to a pair of antique vehicles located outside the home.

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BY MATT GETTS
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WOLF LAKE — An elderly man died in a house fire this morning in southwestern Noble County.

According to police, 73-year-old Ralph Wiedman may have been overcome by smoke after he re-entered his rural Wolf Lake home to retrieve keys to a pair of antique vehicles located on the property.

Wiedman's body was recovered in a room adjacent to an entryroom in the house, police said.

"He was slumped in a corner," Noble County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Terry Waikel said. "It appears he was overcome by smoke."

The two-story farmhouse was a total loss, according to Waikel.

According to a dispatcher at the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Noble Township firefighters were dispatched to a fully involved house fire at 3 a.m. today at 0799 S. C.R. 375W near Wolf Lake.

Noble Township Fire Chief Rob Davis was first on the scene, followed quickly by Waikel and Deputy Carey Coney. While Davis raced to shut off the gas to the home, Waikel and Coney attempted to gain entry through the front door but were turned back by heavy smoke.

Waikel said he called repeatedly for Wiedman but got no response.

"The wife stated the husband had gone back in to get keys for his antique cars," Waikel said. "He never made it back."

According to Waikel, a 1930s-40s Dodge was located outside along with a mid-70s Ford Mustang.

Wiedman's wife told authorities she had been roused by a barking dog and heard a smoke detector going off. She got her husband up, and they left the residence, calling emergency responders.

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Waikel said Mrs. Wiedman also re-entered the home and saw a rug on fire in front of a space heater.

Authorities are unsure of the fire's cause.

Waikel said six Yorkshire terriers were rescued from a garage. Another dog apparently died in the fire.

The incident is being investigated by the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Noble County Coroner's Office and State Fire Marshal's Office.

An autopsy will be performed to determine Wiedman's cause of death.

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Rev. Theron Hanes

WARSAW — The Rev. Theron H. "Red" Hanes, 85, of Warsaw died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at 2:05 a.m. in Kosciusko Community Hospital at Warsaw.

He was an ordained minister of the Church of the Nazarene, retiring in 1989. He previously lived in Bristol, North Manchester, Warsaw, Butler and Nappanee. He belonged to the Warsaw Church of the Nazarene.

He was a World War II veteran, serving in the European Theater with the U.S. Army Air Corps as an ordnance loader with the 8th Bombardment Group.

He was born Nov. 1, 1921, in Waterloo to Harry Altenburg and Susan Wilmeta (Copland) Hanes.

He married Joy L. Ernest on April 5, 1942, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Larry Coble of Warsaw and Wanda and Carl Schneider of Riverside, Calif.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Brenda Hanes of Warsaw and Tom and Kathy Hanes of Kankakee, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Five sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in the Warsaw Church of the Nazarene, 1654 S. Fisher Ave., Warsaw. Pastors Chris Rego and Keith Cole will officiate. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery at North Manchester.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

To sign a guestbook or send condolences electronically, visit mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information about survivors.*

Anna Honaker

WOLCOTTVILLE — Anna Florence "Grannie" Honaker, 96, of Wolcottville died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Honaker

Mrs. Honaker moved to this area in 1935 from Kentucky.

She worked at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville from 1941 to 1947. She then worked at Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., and retired from there in 1975 with 28 years of service.

Following her retirement, Mrs. Honaker worked at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange as a nurses' aide for approximately three years and then in the meat department at the Wolcottville IGA from 1981 to 2002 when she permanently retired.

Mrs. Honaker was born Aug. 2, 1910, in Yocum in Morgan County, Ky., to Floyd and Martha (Ratliff) Lewis. She married Roy Honaker on June 26, 1926, in Royalton, Ky. He died April 17, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Eugene Barnes of Wolcottville; a son, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville; 24 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Robert Honaker and James Honaker; four grandsons, Rex Honaker, Robin Barnes, Shane Honaker and Michael Honaker; four sisters; and three brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Nicole Miller, Kim Barnes, Mike Brockman, Carvin Miller, Brett Honaker and Tracy Honaker.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Carrie Cooper-Kendall

ANDERSON — Carrie Ann Cooper-Kendall, 36, of Anderson and formerly of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the home of her fiance in Noblesville.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Evelyn Watson

CROMWELL — Evelyn Watson, 85, of Cromwell died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had been a resident since May 2006.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Mary Donaldson

LUTZ, Fla. — Mary Louise Donaldson, 70, of Lutz, Fla., and formerly of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at East Pasco Care Center of the Hernando Pasco Hospice in Dade City, Fla.

Mrs. Donaldson was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Laurium, Mich., to Walter and Louise (Richards) Knudson. She was married to Dwight Donaldson on Aug. 23, 1969, and he preceded her in death in 2003.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting.

Surviving are her mother in Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl Donaldson and Hon Pham of Lutz; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Don Howell of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Judy Donaldson of Knoxville, Tenn.; a granddaughter, Annaliese Donaldson-Pham; a sister-in-law and friend, Marcia Donaldson and Jolie Blauvelt, both of Hollis, N.H.; and a niece, Kate Donaldson of Leesburg, Va.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas Miller Donaldson, on July 2, 1973, and her father.

Private family graveside services will be held.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 37445 Clinton Ave., Dade City, Fla. 33525.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Ila Sickels

COLDWATER, Mich. — Ila Marie Sickels, 73, of Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility in Coldwater.

Mrs. Sickels was born in Bethel Township, Mich., on July 16, 1933, to Fred and Marjorie (Card) Sickels. She married Richard Sickels on Nov. 29, 1952, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 2004.

She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1952. She lived all her life in Branch County, Mich., and worked for a short time at Federal Mogul in Coldwater.

Surviving are two sons, Jeff and Rodney Sickels, both of Coldwater; a brother, Leo Clearwater of Peoria, Ill.; a sister, Rowena Forker of Three Oaks, Mich.; three grandsons, a granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Wayne Clearwater.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, with the Rev. Matt Sargent officiating. Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Branch County.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Edwin Goudy

FORT WAYNE — Edwin R. Goudy, 89, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Goudy was born in Hamilton. He worked for Charleston Metal Products in Waterloo and Farm Bureau Co-Op Northern. He also worked for the Waterloo Cemetery.

He enjoyed gardening and RV camping and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Lula Mae "Pat" Goudy of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughter-in-law, Ron and Linda Goudy of Fort Wayne and Max and Nell Ritter of Angola; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara and Ron Roberts of Greenfield, Brenda Skaggs of Angola, Vicki and Ed Bullerman of Hoagland and Shirley Hamilton of Portage, Mich.; a stepson, Joe Burton of Fort Wayne; four stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Janet and Bob Kline of New Haven, Susan and Jim Maley of Fort Wayne, Becky and Mark Drendel of Albuquerque, N.M. and Patty and Jim Kaylor of Fort Wayne; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

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Dorothy McKibbin

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy D. McKibbin, 96, of Kendallville died at 9:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been a resident since April 2001.

Mrs. McKibbin

Mrs. McKibbin was Kendallville's first Welcome Wagon representative and was responsible for starting the service in Kendallville.

She was also a homemaker and member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. She was an inactive member of Tri Kappa Sorority, however she had previously served as president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary.

Mrs. McKibben was raised in Lafayette and had lived in Kendallville since the 1940s.

She was a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in merchandising and retail sales and enjoyed following Purdue sports.

Mrs. McKibben was a seamstress, avid bridge player and gardener.

She was born April 8, 1910, in Lafayette to George and Carrie (Gaylord) Driscol. She married Carl McKibbin on Jan. 26, 1935, in Indianapolis. He died in August 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Ronald Ham of Big Rapids, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael McKibbin and Celeste Roseberry of Orangevale, Calif.; five grandchildren, Eron Drake, Leah Ham, Carrie Inglis, Jason Ham and Mark McKibbin; and five great-grandchildren, Eliana Drake, Zachary VanCompernolle, Tailynn Drake, Kyle VanCompernolle and Reid Inglis.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, and a brother.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Stan Kessler of First Presbyterian Church officiating.

Friends will be received for refreshments at First Presbyterian Church after the service.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to East Noble High School Theatre Department, Presbyterian Women's Association, Kendallville Day Care Center or Tri Kappa Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Catherine M, Miller, 98

EGE - Catherine M, Miller, 98, a resident of Ege and widow of Gustave A. Miller, died at 12:50 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2007, at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Although she had been in declining health for some time, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Miller was born in New York City on Novemeber 29, 1908, a daughter of William and Mary (Riley) Wren, and spent her formative years in the city. She was married in New York on May 31, 1930 to Gustave A. Miller, and lived in North Bergen, New Jersey until moving to Noble County in 1976.

While living in North Bergen, she was employed in the meat department at Shop Rite Grocery for six years. She enjoyed sewing and cooking, and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege.

Mr. Miller preceded her in death on January 6, 1991.

The surviving relatives include her three daughters, Grace Sanders of Port Richey, Fla., Kathy (Ed) Tipton of Churubusco, and Barbara (Robert) Huff of Denver, CO; six grandchildren, and 13 Great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

The mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege with Father Daniel Leeuw, the celebrant.

Interment was in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Maggie Leamon-Cobb, 93

ALBION – Maggie H. Leamon-Cobb, age 93, formerly of Albion, Noble County, IN and most recently of the Oaks Living Care Center, Columbia City passed away at 6:30 a.m. Friday, January 12, 2007 where she had resided since February 21, 2003. She was born in Albion, Noble County, IN on July 23, 1913 to Adam Paul and Sylvia Pearl (Addis) Hill.

Maggie attended school in Noble County and has spent her entire lifetime in Noble Township, Noble County with exception of the years from 1978-1985 when she lived in Fort Wayne during the winter months. Her first marriage was to Bernard Victor Leamon on December 21, 1931 in Columbia City and her second marriage was to Robert Nicholas Cobb, Sr. on April 30, 1977 at Grace Lutheran Church, Columbia City. She was a devoted homemaker and on July 28, 1978 she retired as a hose assembler for Dana Weatherhead Company, where she manufactured fluid drive equipment for automobiles. She also loved bingo, square dancing, crafts, crocheting many gifts, avid reader, was an animal lover, especially kittens and cherished the days living on her Noble County farm.

Survivors include one son, Larry V. Leamon, Albion; one granddaughter, Brenda (Kenneth) Boyd; three great-grandchildren, Christopher and Ryan Boyd and Sheli (Kyle) Jeffries; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Adam Paul Hill and Sylvia Pearl (Addis) Hill, step-father, Paul Longsworth, first husband, Bernard Victor Leamon, second husband, Robert Nicholas Cobb Sr., two sons, Darrell and Charles Jerry Leamon, one step-son, Charles "Bud" Cobb and one brother, Charles Hill.

Services were held Monday, January 15, 2007 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funera Home in Columbia City Burial was in Thorn Cemetery, rural Ormas, IN.

Memorials may be given in Mrs. Cobb's memory to the donor's choice. To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Mrs. Cobb's memory, please visit www.demoney-grimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 17, 2007, Wednesday

Richard Barton, 80

ARCHBOLD, Ohio — Richard T. Barton Sr., 80, formerly of Angola, Ind., and now of Archbold, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, after a lengthy illness.

He was founder and past president of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa Architects and Engineers, retiring in 1998.

He was born Dec. 2, 1926, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Harvey and Gertrude (Fasey) Barton. He was raised in Cape May Court House, N.J.

He was a graduate of Marshall University and Indiana Institute of Technology and a registered architect and civil engineer. He had been vice president of Bradley & Bradley Architects Inc., before founding his company.

A former U.S. Marine, he served in Panama at the end of World War II and stateside during the Korean War.

He designed many local schools, and clients included Fort Wayne Community Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools, M.S.D. Southwest Allen County Schools, Wa-Nee Community Schools, Wawasee Community Schools and the Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

He was a member of the American Institute of Architects, past president of Fort Wayne Society of Architects and vice president of the Northeast Chapter, past director of the Indiana Society of Architects, a member of the Fort Wayne commercial building code committee and served on the Indiana Administrative Building Council.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Holly Barton; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard T. and Cindy Barton Jr. of South Whitley, Ind.; a daughter, Jill Brady of Albion, Ind.; two brothers, Donald Barton of Wilmington, and Harvey Barton Jr. of Turnersville, N.J.; a sister, Dorothy Pratt of New Jersey; five grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and his pet cats.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Gertrude Clark; a daughter, C. Dawn Franklin; a son, David Barton; and a grandson, Brian Barton.

A private family graveside service has taken place.

There will be a gathering for family and friends to celebrate Mr. Barton's life in the Snow Lake Room of the Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter, Angola, or the Independent Cat Society, P.O. Box 735, Westville, IN, 46391.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Lorraine Carmichael, 77

LAGRANGE — Lorraine P. Carmichael, 77, of LaGrange died at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. She had been in declining health for some time.

She was a homemaker, and also she had worked for Dana Corp. in Churubusco, Monsanto in Ligonier and Tokeheim Corp. in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed her grandchildren, reading and television.

She was born April 25, 1929, in Leroy to Charles and Hattie Allen.

On Oct. 4, 1952, she married Johnnie R. Carmichael in Hebron. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gilbert "Jake" Sanders of Chicago; a daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Steve Helmkamp of Avilla; a stepdaughter and her husband, Beverly and Don Henderson of Avon; seven grandchildren, Autumn and Tom Brown, Amber, Ashley and Stephen Helmkamp, Ashley Emerson, and Amanda and Anthony Carmichael; three stepgrandchildren, Scott, Brad and Jennifer Henderson; several great-grandchildren; and a brother, Bob Allen of Whitefish, Minn.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a daughter, Diana Lynn Perry; a granddaughter, Jada Perry; a stepson, Wayne Carmichael; and a stepgrandson, Johnnie W. Carmichael; two brothers; and four sisters.

Services were Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be at the Avilla Cemetery.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 17, 2007, Wednesday

Darold Cotterman, 82

COLUMBIA CITY - Darold A. Cotterman, 82, of Columbia City died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

He was born June 2, 1924, in Melrose, Ohio, to Lawrence and Harriett Cotterman.

Mr. Cotterman was a World War II Army veteran.

He worked for Fruehauf Trailer Co. for 42 years and was a member of American Legion Post 98 in Columbia City.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lois Cotterman; a son, Michael A. Cotterman of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl A. and Don Wyckoff of Kendallville; grandchildren, Wade (Brent Dickson) Wyckoff of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Nicole Wyckoff of Bloomington, Stacey (Rob) Schaper of Kimmell and David Cotterman of Columbia City; and great-grandchildren, Rachel Cotterman and Desiree Schaper.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gaylord and Glenn Cotterman.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Dorothy Oelfke, 84

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy E. Oelfke, 84, of Kendallville and formerly of Avilla died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Oelfke was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of Avilla High School.

She had been a homemaker and enjoyed walking, gardening, reading, canning, church activities and spending time with children.

Mrs. Oelfke was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aid Society.

She was born Jan. 9, 1923, in Noble County to Franklin Lloyd and Hazel (Eckels) Myers. They are deceased. She married Alfred F. Oelfke in Angola. He died Feb. 6, 1963.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Brenda and Bruce Anglin and Glenda and Gary Englehart, all of Kendallville, and Linda Smolinske and her companion, Lee Parker, of Avilla; a son and daughter, Greg and Karol Oelfke of Kendallville; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Donald and Celia Myers and Irene Myers, all of Kendallville, and Herb and Barb Myers of Avilla; 11 grandchildren, Tracie Edwards Fero, Kristie Edwards Byran, Zak Anglin, Shayna Anglin, Joline DiGirolamo, Carmen DiGirolamo, Mathew Smolinske, Tiffany Smolinske Huff, Travis Smolinske, Sarah Englehart Appleton and Adam Kurtz; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Merle Myers on Dec. 24, 2006, and Marion Myers in World War II; and a granddaughter, Candice Smolinske.

Services were Monday at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, rural Kendallville, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorials are to Mount Pleasant Church and Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 17, 2007, Wednesday

Betty Oesterwind, 79

AVILLA - Betty J. Oesterwind, 79, of Avilla died at 12:47 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had been a resident since Nov. 16, 2005.

Mrs. Oesterwind had moved to Noble County seven years ago from Brookville, Fla. She was a homemaker and volunteered at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mrs. Oesterwind was a member of the Red Hat Society and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

She was born March 25, 1927, in Ontario, Canada, to Herman and Anna (LaFerna) Oesterwind. She married Earl Oesterwind on May 25, 1946, in Detroit, Mich. He died July 5, 2005.

Surviving are a daughter and two sons-in-law, Anna and Dave Kemerly of Avilla and Patrick McCarthy of Dearborn, Mich.; a son, David Pauch of Detroit; four grandchildren, Linda and Bret Ramsay and David Jr. and Georgia Kemerly, all of Avilla, and Sean McCarthy of Dearborn; a great-grandson, Justin Ramsay of Avilla; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Nicole Ramsay.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Christopher McCarthy in May 2005.

Memorial services were Thursday, Jan. 18, at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net

Pastor Lawrence Morrison, 91

KENDALLVILLE — Pastor Lawrence E. "Larry" Morrison, 91, of Kendallville died at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at his residence.

He had been a minister with the Church of Christ since 1954, and served at Cedar Creek Church of Christ in Leo, Washington Street Church of Christ in Decatur and Ellisville Church of Christ. Since his retirement in 1989 he had been a pulpit supply minister.

Prior to and during his full-time ministry, he also worked at Central Soya in Decatur, farmed and worked at LaOtto Metal Fabricating. Before his marriage he worked as a clerk for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Butler, Mo.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Garrett.

Pastor Morrison was born May 6, 1915, in Lisle, Mo., to Jesse Franklin and Lillian Naomi (Hunter) Morrison.

He married his first wife, Dorothy L. Howe, on Oct. 2, 1937, in Missouri. She died Nov. 6, 1992.

On July 11, 1993, in Savannah, Mo., he married Velma I. Karr. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Anita L. Spegel of Decatur, Velma Jean and Keith Weimer of Avilla, Karolyn Sue and Robert Geinger of Avilla, Beverly Ann Minch of Decatur and Donna Kay and Ralph Bailer of Decatur; a stepdaughter and her husband, Patricia and Gary Atkins of Rosendale, Mo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Erma and Don Sliger of Decatur; a sister-in-law, Eilee Morrison of Bellview, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his first wife; a sister, Lois Klunder; two brothers, Leonard Morrison and Glenn Morrison; one great-grandson; one stepgranddaughter; and one stepgreat-grandson.

Services were Monday at the First Church of Christ, Garrett, Pastor Jim Lilley and Rick Weimer officiating. Burial was at Decatur Cemetery.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ, Garrett, or the Decatur Church of Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 18, 2007, Thursday

Marjorie Wampler

GREENFIELD — Marjorie Ann (Arthur) Wampler, 75, of Greenfield died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Wampler was raised in the Bloomington area and was a 1949 graduate of Bloomington High School.

She taught Sunday school at First Assembly of God in New Castle for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Wampler was a member of the Knightstown Historical Society, Poet Club and the Democratic Party.

She enjoyed painting, writing poetry and being a Girl Scout leader.

She was born April 22, 1931, in Bloomington to Ollie and Laura (Ray) Arthur.

Her husband of 53 years, Robert Lee Wampler, preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are three sons, Gary Wampler of Knightstown, Kerry Wampler of Greenfield and Jeffrey Wampler of Bloomington; four daughters, Julia Martin of South Lawrence, Mass., Rhonda Hummer of Bloomington, Lee Ann Dolezal of Avilla and Katherine Wampler of Greenfield; two brothers, Max Arthur and Dale Arthur, both of Bloomington; three sisters, Phyllis Black of Fort Wayne, Carolyn Thickstun of Bloomington and Susie Siscoe of Greensburg; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Hollis Roy, Leland, Bob, Russell and Don Arthur; and a grandson, Ty Bridges.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Assembly of God Church in New Castle with the Rev. Stephen Galloway officiating. Burial will be in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Pasco-Stillinger Funeral Home, Greenfield.

Memorials are to First Assembly of God Shepherds Door.

Condolences may be sent online to www.pasco-stillinger.com.

Ana Guzman

KENDALLVILLE — Ana Addilene Guzman was stillborn Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. Her parents are Juan and Ana Guzman of Kendallville.

Her brother, Juan Guzman, 7, died Jan. 5 in Kendallville.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Waldo Martin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Waldo D. Martin, 97, of Wolcottville died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Martin had retired in 1974 from General Electric with 45 years of service.

He was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church and the GE Quarter Century Club.

Mr. Martin was born Jan. 6, 1910, in Monroeville to William and Mahala (Disler) Martin.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Waldo Dean and Jean Ann Martin of Cheney, Wash., and Robert O. and Marilyn Martin of Brentwood, Tenn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Bill Phillips of Wolcottville; two brothers, Roscoe Martin of New Haven and the Rev. Sylvester Martin of Decatur; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice — Noble County or Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 18, 2007, Thursday

Carrie Kendall

Ms. Kendall

ANDERSON — Carrie Ann Cooper Kendall, 36, of Anderson died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the home of her fiance in Noblesville.

Ms. Kendall had been raised in Ligonier and moved to Anderson six years ago.

She enjoyed music, knitting, reading and shopping.

She was born May 17, 1970, in Kendallville to Dale and Virgie (Hewitt) Cooper. Her father survives in Ligonier and her mother died March 18, 2000.

Surviving are her fiance, Carl Harper of Noblesville; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Dale and Andrea Cooper of Ligonier, Brian Cooper of Albion and Jeremy Cooper of Rome City; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Bobbi and Jason Ritter of Albion, Suzette and Todd Hampton of Louisiana and Jennifer and Shane Cook of Elizabethtown, Ky.; six nephews; eight nieces; five uncles and five aunts.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Nathan Cooper; maternal grandparents, Roy and Lilia Hewitt; paternal grandparents, Wade and Kathleen Cooper; and a niece, Madison Cooper.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Linda Sue Hewitt officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ted Sparkman, Jackie Cooper, Aaron Cooper, Brian Cooper, Dale Cooper and Jason Ritter.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to local chapters of MADD and SADD.

Stewart Caldwell III

WOLCOTTVILLE — Stewart Franklin Caldwell III of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home.

Services will be Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Other arrangements are pending at the funeral home.

Ralph Wiedman

KIMMELL — Ralph Edward Wiedman, 73, of Kimmell died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Wiedman was a Fort Wayne native.

He was a Korean War veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne A. Wiedman of Kimmell; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra L. and Robert Butler of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Frank Wiedman of Fort Wayne and Chuck Wiedman of Antwerp, Ohio; a grandson, Marty Butler; and two great-grandchildren, Brandt Butler and Brooke Butler.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara A. (Hough) Wiedman; and a sister, Doris Nieb.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Phyllis Wiegmann officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 18, 2007, Thursday

Evelyn Watson

CROMWELL — Evelyn F. Watson, 85, of Cromwell died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where she had been a resident since May 2006.

Mrs. Watson had worked at Borden Co. and General Electric in Fort Wayne and Monsanto in Ligonier.

She had moved to Cromwell from Fort Wayne in August 1956.

Mrs. Watson enjoyed country music, gardening and tending to her flowers.

She was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Warsaw to Willard and Mary (Henderson) Swonger. She married Harry Watson on Nov. 12, 1955, in Arcola. He survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Lee Bair of Warsaw and Terry and Sherry Bair and Kenneth and Cyndi Watson, all of Ligonier; a daughter, Sharon Garner of Lisbon; two stepdaughters, Bonnie Affolder and her husband, Floyd, of Fort Wayne and Linda Jewett of Arcola; 17 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers; a sister; a grandson; two great-granddaughters; and her stepmother, Stella Stump Emmons.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Jesse Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Walter Perry

AUBURN — Walter W. Perry, 80, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Perry worked for Auburn Gear for 32 years, retiring in 1992. He also was a police officer for the railroad for 10 years in Willard, Ohio.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from January 1945 to November 1946.

He attended the Garrett United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Garrett, American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Wolcottville, to A. Vance and Lorena (Donat) Perry.

He married Sandra McFeters on July 3, 1969, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Gloria Jean Young of Garrett and Deborah Perry of Avilla; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 18, 2007, Thursday

Darold Cotterman

COLUMBIA CITY — Darold A. Cotterman, 82, of Columbia City died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

He was born June 2, 1924, in Melrose, Ohio, to Lawrence and Harriett Cotterman.

Mr. Cotterman was a World War II Army veteran.

He worked for Fruehauf Trailer Co. for 42 years and was a member of American Legion Post 98 in Columbia City.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lois Cotterman; a son, Michael A. Cotterman of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl A. and Don Wyckoff of Kendallville; grandchildren, Wade (Brent Dickson) Wyckoff of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Nicole Wyckoff of Bloomington, Stacey (Rob) Schaper of Kimmell and David Cotterman of Columbia City; and great-grandchildren, Rachel Cotterman and Desiree Schaper.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gaylord and Glenn Cotterman.

Services were Saturday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Annabel Growcock

WAWAKA — Annabel May (Fike) Growcock, 84, of Wawaka died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at Harbor View Hospital in Seattle, Wash., while visiting her son.

Mrs. Growcock

Mrs. Growcock had retired from Essex Wire in Topeka.

She was a member of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

She was born Dec. 14, 1922, in DeKalb County to Howard and Ruth (Christlieb) Fike. She first married Elmer Strater and he died in 1971. She then married Sidney VanDousen and he died in 1981. Her third husband, William D. Growcock, died in 2004.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Jeanne Strater of Yakima, Wash.; a brother, Wayne Fike of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Miller in 2001; two sisters, Dorothy Latta and Beulah Critten; and a brother, Glen Fike.

Services were held this morning at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was to be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wawaka United Methodist Church.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Evelyn Watson

CROMWELL — Evelyn Watson, 85, of Cromwell died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had been a resident since May 2006.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Carrie Cooper-Kendall

ANDERSON — Carrie Ann Cooper-Kendall, 36, of Anderson and formerly of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the home of her fiance in Noblesville.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 18, 2007, Thursday

Man dies in Wolf Lake house fire

WOLF LAKE — An elderly man died in a house fire Wednesday morning in southwestern Noble County.

According to police, 73-year-old Ralph Wiedman may have been overcome by smoke after he re-entered his rural Wolf Lake home to retrieve keys to a pair of antique vehicles located on the property.

Wiedman's body was recovered in a room adjacent to an entryroom in the house, police said.

"He was slumped in a corner," Noble County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Terry Waikel said. "It appears he was overcome by smoke."

The two-story farmhouse was a total loss, according to Waikel.

According to a dispatcher at the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Noble Township firefighters were dispatched to a fully involved house fire at 3 a.m. Wednesday at 0799 S. C.R. 375W near Wolf Lake.

In Memory Of Colby Kreager
1978-2006

When you left, the pain was so great,
I didn't think life was worth living.
But a year has passed and I'm still here,
struggling with life's process of grieving.
I visit the ground where you lay.
Hoping to find peace in some small way.
Peace doesn't come as I walk away,
Missing you more with each passing day.

Your very being is kept in my heart.
Sometimes I laugh, sometimes I cry and sometimes
I wonder why.
I hear you say, "Take care of my boys," and
As long as I'm here, I promise to do my best, with love,
prayers, and all the rest.

As they grow and years pass, they will know
they are loved and blessed.
Blessed with the time they spent with you.
Blessed for the memory of the words:
'I love you Bryce and I love you Braden.'

With Love, Jan Smith & Family

All lives must end, but it is just new start to life that is eternal, where we shall never more part.

Richard E. Smith

Richard Ellis Smith, 89, of Ligonier, died at 3:15 p.m. Jan. 10, 2007, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 30, 1917, in Noble County, to Emmitt Arden and Henrietta (Murray) Smith. He was married to Judy DeMotte, who preceded him in death.

He worked at Monsanto and was a farmer and house painter. He was a member of the National Rifle Association. He was an actor and singer performing on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, on river showboats in Florida and many area churches.

He performed in musicals in Franke Park and was affiliated with a Fort Wayne theatre company. He was an avid reader.

Survivors are a granddaughter, Julia Smith; a grandson, Justin Smith; two great-grandchildren, Autumn and Brandon; and nieces Gail Hursey, Joyce Blue and Rita Dodds.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Blue, and a son, Ben Leighton Smith.

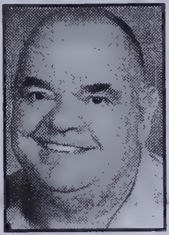
Further details on services were not available at presstime.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 19, 2007, Friday

Alvin Lumm Jr.

STURGIS, Mich. — Alvin Charles Lumm Jr., 65, of Sturgis died Monday Jan. 15, 2007, at the Sturgis Hospital.

Mr. Lumm had resided in the Sturgis area most of his life. He had been employed by the Petrolane Gas Co. in Sturgis for more than 10 years and forced to retire due to health reasons.


Mr. Lumm

Following his retirement he worked at the Port Huron Hospital in Port Huron, Mich., and the one job he truly loved was the work he did with Alternative Lifestyles in LaGrange, where he was always willing to do anything that was needed.

Mr. Lumm served his country in the U.S. Navy and the Michigan National Guard. He was a member of Neuman-Wenzel American Legion Post No. 73 and enjoyed working with his computer.

He attended the United Methodist Church in LaGrange and the Sturgis Evangelical Church.

He was born June 14, 1941, in Goshen to Alvin Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Bonebarger) Lumm. He married Judith Weber on Aug. 17, 1973, in White Pigeon. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Donald Lumm of Kalamazoo; a brother, Clarence Lumm of Princeton, Minn.; five sisters, Mary Jane Fennell of LaGrange, Jo Ann Hartzler of Pattonsburg, Mo., Marlene Mullins of Sturgis, Sarah Cox of Muskegon and Barbara Pelfrey of Howe; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Doris Kitchen.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sturgis Evangelical Church, 29201 E. Fawn River Road, with the Revs. Rodger Moyer and Darrell Baum officiating. Full military rites will be conferred by Capt. John J. Kelley VFW Post No.1355 and the U.S. Navy Honor Squad.

Private burial of his ashes will take place at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange at a later date.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home of Sturgis is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Coleman

EL PASO, Texas — Gerald Eugene Coleman, 72, of El Paso and formerly of Kendallville died Nov. 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Coleman was a 1952 graduate of Kendallville High School. He then graduated from the General Electric Trade School and worked for G.E. and Magnavox.

He moved to El Paso in 1973.

He was born Jan. 7, 1934, in Kendallville to Carl L. and Gladys (Good) Coleman.

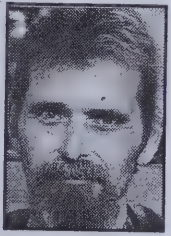
Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Maria Torres Coleman; a daughter, Cheryl Bunch of Colorado; a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Arthur Thiem of Kendallville; a brother, Lee B. Coleman of Bluffton; and three grandchildren.

Services were held in El Paso.

Stewart Caldwell III

WOLCOTTVILLE — Stewart Franklin Caldwell III, 45, of Wolcottville died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Caldwell had been employed as a carpet layer for Carney Decorating Center in LaGrange.


Mr. Caldwell

He enjoyed spending his summers with his family at Messick Lake.

He was born Jan. 3, 1962, in LaGrange to Stewart Franklin II and Sharon (McClish) Caldwell. His father and stepmother, Stewart II and Linda Caldwell, survive in Wolcottville. His mother, Sharon McClish, survives in Tennessee.

He married Sandy Collett on Sept. 29, 1990, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a daughter, Joann Dombrowski of Auburn; three sons, Stewart Caldwell IIII of Fort Wayne, Mathhew Dombrowski of Auburn and Taylor Caldwell of Wolcottville; and a stepsister, Jamie Miller of Syracuse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brad Garrett of Woodruff United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Amanda Mast

TOPEKA — Amanda E. Mast, 88, of Topeka died at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Mast was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born May 20, 1918, in LaGrange County to Enos D. and Lydia (Raber) Yoder. She married Andrew L. Mast on Dec. 14, 1939, in Topeka. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Lydia Bontrager of Topeka and Millie and Willie Schrock of LaGrange; four sons and daughters-in-law, Levi and Ruth Mast of Goshen, Glen and Luella Mast and Perry and Katie Mast, all of Topeka, and Ora and Wilma Mast of Dalton, Wis.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Rowman Yoder of Kenton, Ohio, Fannie Troyer of New Bedford, Ohio, and Annie Miller of Shipshewana; a brother and sister-in-law, Perry and Anna Mae Yoder of Nappanee; 49 grandchildren; 146 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family home with Bishop Vernon Weaver and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana. Pallbearers will be Daniel Bontrager, Larry Bontrager, Glen Bontrager and Harvey Helmuth.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripfmayfuneralhome.com.

Ryliegh Brumbaugh

LAOTTO — Ryliegh Grace Lynn Brumbaugh, 23 months old, of LaOtto died unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

She was born Feb. 14, 2005, in Fort Wayne to David Loren Brumbaugh and Trina Lynn (Gross) Brumbaugh. They survive in LaOtto.

Ryleigh Brumbaugh

Also surviving are two brothers, Ross Brumbaugh and Remingtin Brumbaugh, both of LaOtto; her grandparents, Linda Gross of Auburn and Loren "Jake" and Janet Brumbaugh of Albion; and great-grandmothers Bernadean Miller of Garrett, Beth Brumbaugh of Albion and Marjorie Roe of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Ross J. Gross.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Sugar Grove Church of God, Churubusco, with Pastor Tim Grable officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church Sunday.

Memorials are to the family or Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Wayne Thomas

FRESNO, Calif. — Wayne D. Thomas, 88, of Fresno, Calif., died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Thomas served his country during World War II as a U.S. Marine on the island of Iwo Jima.

Surviving are his wife, Aranka, in Fresno; a stepdaughter, Linda Bruce of Merced, Calif.; three daughters and two sons-in-law: Patty Sue and Ralph Aalders of Auburn, Nancy Deardorf of Auburn and Jerilyn and Robert Farver of Ashley; a son, James Thomas of Columbus, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Hart and Janet and Bob Maxwell, all of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvie Thomas; his mother, Pauline (Quince) Thomas; and two brothers, Ronald and Richard Thomas.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Whitehurst Sullivan Burns & Blair Funeral Home, Fresno. Internment will be at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetary in Gustine, Calif.

A local memorial service will be at the Auburn Church of Christ, Eighteenth and Jackson streets, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, with calling after 6:30 p.m.

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The following obituary is being republished with new information about calling.

Walter Perry

AUBURN — Walter W. Perry, 80, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Perry worked for Auburn Gear for 32 years, retiring in 1992. He also was a police officer for the railroad for 10 years in Willard, Ohio.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from January 1945 to November 1946.

He attended the Garrett United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Garrett, American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Wolcottville, to A. Vance and Lorena (Donat) Perry.

He married Sandra McFeters on July 3, 1969, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Gloria Jean Young of Garrett and Deborah Perry of Avilla; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

The family will receive friends Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Auburn Moose Lodge.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct a reporter's errors.

Mary Donaldson

LUTZ, Fla. — Mary Louise Donaldson, 70, of Lutz, Fla., and formerly of Angola died Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007, at East Pasco Care Center of the Hernando Pasco Hospice in Dade City, Fla.

Mrs. Donaldson was born Jan. 5, 1937, in Laurium, Mich., to Walter and Louise (Richards) Knudsen. She was married to Dwight Donaldson on Aug. 23, 1969, and he preceded her in death in 2003.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting.

Surviving are her mother in Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl Donaldson and Hon Pham of Lutz; a granddaughter, Annaliese Donaldson-Pham; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and John Howell of Angola; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Judy Donaldson of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister-in-law and friend, Marcia Donaldson and Jolie Blauvelt, both of Hollis, N.H.; and a niece, Kate Donaldson of Leesburg, Va.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas Miller Donaldson, on July 2, 1973, and her father.

Private family graveside services will be held.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Hernando Pasco Hospice, 37445 Clinton Ave., Dade City, Fla. 33525.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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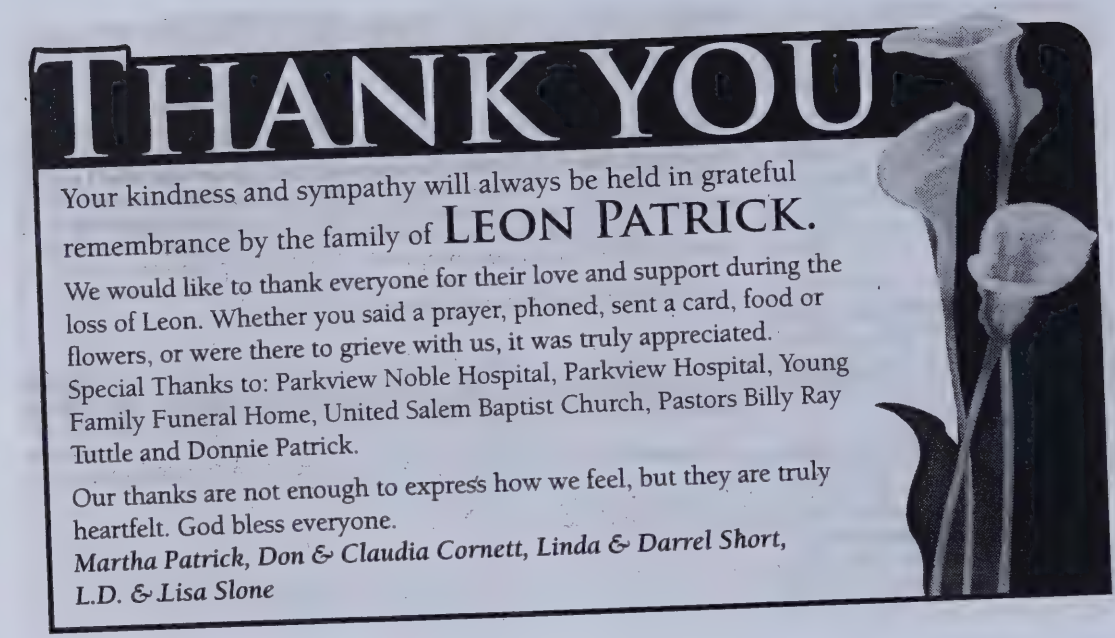

THANK YOU

Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of **LEON PATRICK.**

We would like to thank everyone for their love and support during the loss of Leon. Whether you said a prayer, phoned, sent a card, food or flowers, or were there to grieve with us, it was truly appreciated. Special Thanks to: Parkview Noble Hospital, Parkview Hospital, Young Family Funeral Home, United Salem Baptist Church, Pastors Billy Ray Tuttle and Donnie Patrick.

Our thanks are not enough to express how we feel, but they are truly heartfelt. God bless everyone.
Martha Patrick, Don & Claudia Cornett, Linda & Darrel Short, L.D. & Lisa Slone

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Edward Smith

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Edward Warren Smith, 65, of Battle Creek, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at the Battle Creek Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence.

Mr. Smith graduated from Orland High School in Orland, and came to Battle Creek in the early 1970s from Bronson, Mich.

He worked for Eaton Corp. for 20 years, then worked in the factory for 16 years at Denso Manufacturing. He also worked for several years as a driver for Lifecare Ambulance until he retired in 2003.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was an umpire for 25 years for the city softball leagues. He had played in the Old Timers games.

Born on May 11, 1941, in Coldwater, Mich., he was the son of George Edward and Glendora Mae (Johnson) Smith. He married Roberta G. Clutter on Sept. 22, 1994 in Hastings, Neb. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Terrie and Rick Hotary of Niles, Mich., Connie and Dave Gordon of Antwerp, Ohio, and Adrie O'Brien of Woodburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Linda Duncan of Silver Lake; three stepsons and two of their spouses, Patrick and Jackie Pennington of Bellvue, Mich., Vern and Lori Pennington of Bettendorf, Iowa, and GenePaul Pennington of Grand Rapids, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Tena and Shawn Mattingly of Battle Creek, Mich., 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Wendell Styner of Orland.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bachman Hebble Funeral Service, Battle Creek, with Pastor Eric Perry of First Wesleyan Church officiating.

David Miller

GARRETT — David R. Miller, 64, of Garrett, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller owned Owens Glass Shop in Garrett for 30 years. He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, the Garrett Masonic Lodge, the Auburn-Garrett York Rite and the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the Air Force.

He was born Sept. 22, 1942, in Goshen to Karl and Betty (Riley) Miller.

He married Martha Wood on Nov. 11, 1982, and she preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son, Karl Miller of Utah; two daughters, Bonnie Miller of Waterloo and Laura Miller of Arizona; a stepdaughter, Samme Johnson of Maryland; two brothers, Sam Miller and Dan Miller, both of Auburn; and a sister, Diane White of Coldwater.

He was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Martha Wood.

A Masonic memorial service will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, followed by a funeral service conducted by the Rev. Howard Compton.

Calling will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Rise Inc. or the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

Condolences are to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Daisy Snyder

ANGOLA — Daisy A. Snyder, 73, of Angola, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehab Center.

Mrs. Snyder was a homemaker and a former member of the Women of the Moose Auxiliary in Angola.

She was born April 27, 1933, in Metz to William G. and Mildred R. (Huffman) Delong. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale E. Snyder on Jan. 13, 1950, in Auburn. He died June 10, 1994.

Surviving are four sons, Donald E. Snyder of Murray, Ky., and Robert F. Snyder, Dale A. Snyder and Larry D. Snyder, all of Angola; four daughters, Peggy A. Clark-Mendez and Sherry L. Deetz, both of Martinsville, Penny S. Currall of Angola and Carletta R. Sturgeon of Coldwater, Mich.; 41 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stanley "James" Snyder, three brothers, Gerald Delong, Harold Delong, Henry Delong, and a sister, Florence Brower.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father Paul "Skip" Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery at Metz.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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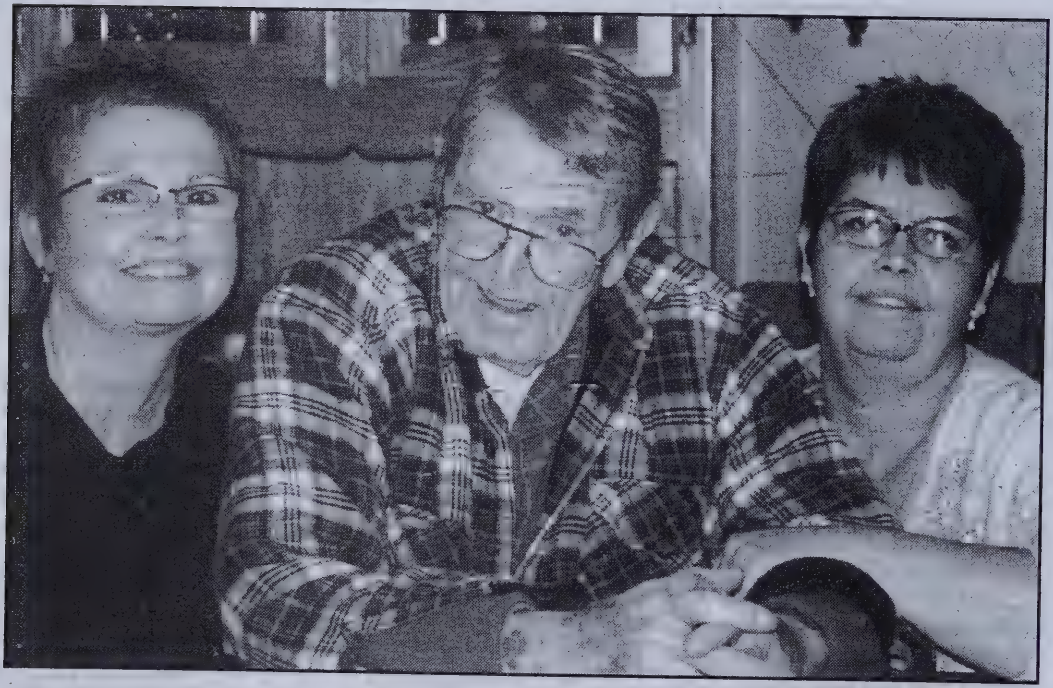
Life was an adventure for Harold Mendenhall



Harold "Mendy" Mendenhall, who died on Dec. 31, is pictured flanked by his daughters Terrie Gray of Ossian, left, and Carla Holloway of Angola.

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BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Harold Mendenhall did a lot of things in his 84 years.

"He was always changing jobs," said his daughter, Carla Holloway. "He always had to keep busy with his hands. There was always something to do, something to build, something to invent. He had a lot of different jobs."

Harold, called "Gene" or "Mendy" by his friends and family, died on Dec. 31, 2006.

Mendy joined the service in the early 1940s. He served with the U.S. Army from 1942-46, where he saw combat in the Pacific Theater.

After that, Mendy lived in Colorado, where he was a restaurant and bar owner. Upon moving to Steuben County, Mendy worked as a bartender at The Beachcomber, the bar at Bledsoe's Beach on Lake James.

Other Steuben County business ventures included heavy equipment operation for local builder Mike Klink and owning a ceramics shop in Angola and a sawmill in Hamilton.

While living in West Palm Beach, Fla., Mendy worked as a dispatcher for Walbro County and as a security officer for Wells Fargo Services.

"What he liked best was probably operating the heavy equipment," Carla said.

Mendy married his wife Betty Jane, Carla's stepmother (to whom she was very close) on Oct. 3, 1964. Betty became ill in 2001, and she and Mendy moved to Angola to be closer to Carla and her husband, Jon. Betty died on June 2, 2002.

Mendy moved in with Carla and Jon this past August, where the couple had built a wood shop for Mendy.

"He really liked that. He made all kinds of birdhouses and things like that," Carla said. "Any kind of woodworking he'd try. It didn't always turn out beautiful, but he'd try."

Carla and Jon opened a tavern in Angola, Wacky Jac's, a few years ago. Mendy loved to go there, and there is a wooden horse he made on display in the establishment.

"He had all the great ideas for that place," Carla said with a smile in her voice. "Of all the jobs he had, he was pretty much always a bartender, at least as a part-time job. He had done it for years and I figured he knew what he was talking about."

This past October, Mendy became very ill. Carla and her siblings — four brothers and a sister — made the difficult decision to put their father in a nursing home.

"Right up until probably six months before that, he was still driving," Carla said.

Carla described her father as "a fun-loving guy."

"He had a lot of friends," she said. "He knew a lot of people."

Describing who her father was in a few words was difficult for Carla, but she said having to remember all that he did in his long life would have been harder yet.

"I was telling people at his memorial service that if we had to list everything Dad ever did, it would take 100 pages," she said with a laugh.

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Mary Schmucker

GOSHEN — Mary E. Schmucker, 86, of Goshen died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, in Courtyard of Goshen, where she had been staying for the past 4 1/2 months.

Mrs. Schmucker

Mrs. Schmucker was born Nov. 25, 1920, in Middlebury, to Noah and Matilda (Yoder) Brandenberger. She was a homemaker and had helped her husband manage an apartment rental business for over 40 years.

She was married to Harley D. Schmucker on Oct. 12, 1947, in Goshen. He survives.

She was a member of Liberty Community Church. She enjoyed going out for dinner.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Sonya Schmucker of Goshen; two granddaughters; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Bertha and Paul Schmucker of Nappanee and Florence and Walter Hochstetler of Goshen; and a brother, Lloyd Brandenberger of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Nora Dupree and Luella Christner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Liberty Community Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Mo Vincic officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Elkhart Prairie Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Condolences can be left online at www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Alice Egolf

ASHLEY — Alice J. (Whan) Egolf, 78, of Ashley died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Egolf was born in Allen County on Nov. 30, 1928, to Arthur and Martha (Klinger) Conrad. She attended Hudson United Methodist Church.

She was first married to Guy Whan, who preceded her in death on Sept. 24,1968. She married Harold M. Egolf on May 16, 1969, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Kent and Sharon Whan of Auburn, Phil Whan of Kendallville and Terrill Whan of Garrett; four sisters, Luella Stabler and Judith Conrad, both of Fort Wayne, Virginia Scheurich of Kendallville and Helen Battocletti of Amherst, Ohio; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Donald, Russell and Lloyd Conrad.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Becky Brault officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Casket bearers will be Kent Whan, Brent Whan, Phil Whan, Rob Whan, Charles Ackman, Kyle Whan and Tim Obermyer.

Before her death, Mrs. Egolf requested no flowers. In lieu, memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Darreion Kenyon

LIGONIER — Darreion James Kenyon, four months old, of Ligonier died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Darreion was born Sept. 16, 2006, in Indianapolis to Richard D. II and Crystal (Rissner) Kenyon.

Surviving with his parents are a sister, Kaylynn Kenyon; grandparents Richard Sr. and Laura Kenyon of Jones, Mich., Susan Walters of Portage, Mich. and Arleen Rissner of Allegan, Mich.; great-grandparents Orland Kenyon of Belton, Texas, Christine Bowen of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Janet Lee Simpson of Watson Township, Mich.; and several aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John C. Rissner, and great-grandparents Clayton Simpson, Harry B. Rissner and Joann Rissner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Gordon Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel. Calling will be Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Miner Cemetery, Watson Township, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be left online at www.gordonfuneral.com.

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Man found dead in van

Victim was homeless

BY BOB BRALEY
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CROMWELL — A homeless man found dead in his vehicle Sunday in Cromwell may have died from carbon monoxide poisoning, authorities said.

Gerald Popenfoose, 62, was found dead at the scene at 1930 N. Woodway, according to Noble County Coroner Terry Gaff.

"Carbon monoxide is suspected," Gaff said.

A propane heater was running in the van when Popenfoose was found at 11 a.m. Sunday, Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Shafter Baker said.

Propane heaters produce carbon monoxide gas, according to the Environmental Protection Agency Web site.

All the windows in the van were rolled all the way up at the time, according to Baker.

"It's most likely an accidental death," Gaff said. However, until an autopsy is done, it's too soon to say for certain. As of this morning, no evidence had been found of homicide or suicide, Gaff said. An autopsy is pending today.

Popenfoose was living in his van, Baker said. "He had clothing and a TV in there." He also had food and his dog, he said.

Popenfoose had been doing chores around the property for the homeowners for over a year, although he had only been living at the site for a short time, Baker said.

Popenfoose had done work for the homeowners on Saturday and was last

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seen by them between 4 and 4:30 p.m., Baker said. They came out at 11 a.m. to take him to a store to purchase a generator. "That's when they discovered him dead."

The dog was still alive at the scene, but a three-hour effort to resuscitate the animal was unsuccessful and it had to be put to sleep, Jennifer Getts of the Noble County Humane Society said.

Popenfoose was found laying prone in the cargo compartment of the van, Baker said. The dog was next to the left front door and floorboard.

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Katheryn Killion

ANGOLA — Katheryn Killion, 72 of Angola, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2006, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Killion was an ordained minister and former homemaker, and a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

She was born on March 14, 1934, in Bell County, Ky., to Mitchell and Mary Alice (Tackett) Helton. They preceded her in death.

She married Fay Killion on April 3, 1982. He survives.

She also is survived by a son, Allen Simpson Sr. of New Tazewell, Tenn.; four daughters, Diceya Lincoln of New Tazewell, Tenn., Connie Sherritze of Sharps Chapel, Tenn., Belle Rowe of Hudson and Katheryn Jolin of Ashley; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Verda Frye.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Independent Full Gospel Church with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be 6-8 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church. Burial will be held at Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to the family, in care of Fay Killion.

Edward Barciz

FREMONT — Edward J. Barciz, 74, of Fremont died Friday, Jan. 19, 2006, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Barciz was an Army veteran of the Korean War and worked at the Libbey-Ownes-Ford Glass Co., in Toledo, Ohio. He was a member of the Clear Lake Baptist Church.

He was born June 19, 1932, in Toledo to Joseph and Anna (Beres) Barciz. They preceded him in death.

He married Rose Knaggs on June 18, 1960, and she preceded him in death in August 2004.

Surviving are three daughters, Lori Nunez of Garland, Texas, Kathleen Jones of Fremont, and Debra Montana of Westland, Mich.; one brother, Robert Barciz of Toledo, one sister Joann Sulaica of Joliet, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a grandson, Nathan A. Jones.

A private family service was conducted on Jan. 20 at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Gary Hoffman officiated.

Virginia Bordner

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — Virginia M. Bordner, 81, of North Charleston and formerly of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at the home of her daughter in North Charleston.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 23, 2007, Tuesday

Avilla man, 29, dies in Ohio crash

BY BOB BRALEY
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ANTWERP, Ohio — An Avilla man was killed Monday when the car he was driving was struck by an armored truck.

Richard Schoof, 29, of Avilla and formerly of Auburn, was pronounced dead by the Paulding County coroner at the scene of the crash on Ohio S.R. 49 south of milepost 13 in Paulding County south of Antwerp, according to an Ohio State Highway Patrol press release.

A 2002 Freightliner armored truck driven by Frank Snyder, 27, of Walbridge, Ohio, was northbound on S.R. 49 at 10:25 a.m. when he failed to negotiate a curve and lost control of the truck, police said.

The truck went off the right side of the road, then slid left and struck a southbound 2003 Chevy Impala driven by Schoof, officers said. The armored truck slid off the road, overturned and struck a utility pole, while the car slid off on the same side and came to rest in a ditch.

Snyder and a passenger in his truck, Kenneth M. Peterman, 29, of Temperance, Mich., were both transported by Antwerp EMS to Paulding County Hospital, where they were treated and released,

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Schoof

CRASH: *Incident remains under investigation*

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police said.

Assisting at the scene were the Paulding County Sheriff's Office, the Paulding County Emergency Management Agency and the Antwerp Fire Department and EMS.

The crash remains under investigation and no citations have been issued, police said.

According to Ohio State Trooper Mike Dirr, who worked the accident, roads were wet at the time of the crash.

Snyder was driving a Brink's truck, Dirr said. "He went too fast around the corner."

Schoof was an outside sales representative for W.A. Jones Truck Bodies & Equipment serving Ohio, Indianapolis and northeast Indiana. He was making sales calls at the time of the accident.

Funeral arrangements for Schoof are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 23, 2007, Tuesday

Florede Bowman-Clark

AUBURN — Florede Violet Pence Bowman-Clark, 95, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 1, 1912, in DeKalb County to Frank and Nora (Wyatt) Pence. They preceded her in death.

She married her first husband, Duane E. Bowman, in 1929 and he preceded her in death. She married her second husband, Samuel Clark, in 1947, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald Bowman, Jerry Bowman and Ronald and Cheryl Clark, all of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Shirley Baird of Auburn and Barbara and Marvin Buttermore of Waterloo; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Duane and Mary Bowman, Star and Jeff Noble, Charles "Kip" Baird Jr., Randall and Laura Baird, Jeffrey Baird, Bruce and Melissa Buttermore, Joseph and Jann Buttermore, Jill and Andrew Nisenshal and Jaclyn and Joshua Meyer; 24 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Duane Bowman Jr. and Buddy Marvin Bowman; a daughter-in-law, Hazel Bowman; a son-in-law, Charles Baird Sr.; five sisters and one brother.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Children First Center of Auburn.

Willie Elza

LIGONIER — Willie E. Elza, 69, of rural Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Elza had moved to Ligonier in 1972 from Westmont, Ill.

He had retired in 1997 from Ligonier Foundry after 37 years of service.

Mr. Elza enjoyed bowling, fishing, hunting, horses and doing construction work.

He was born May 9, 1937, in London, Ky., to Raleigh and Ada Elza. His father is deceased and his mother survives in East Burnstat, Ky.

He married Carolyn Reeve in April 1958 and she survives in Ligonier.

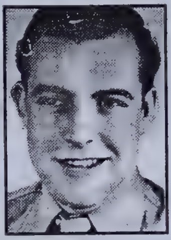
Also surviving are a son, Gene Elza of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Connie Elza of East Burnstat; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, his twin, Wilma Rohan of Claritan Hills, Ill., Irene and Bob Hagberg of Ligonier and Shirley Anna and James Durham of East Burnstat; and a grandson, Jesse Elza.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Robert West

PLEASANT LAKE — Robert C. West, 77, of Pleasant Lake died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. West

Mr. West was a shop superintendent for Production Piece Products in Fort Wayne for about 26 years. He then worked for L.L. Fittings in Fort Wayne as a machine operator.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving from Sept. 25, 1946, to Sept. 15, 1949.

He enjoyed fishing, Indiana University basketball and spending time with his family.

He was born Aug. 19, 1929, in Bedford to Herbert and Dorothy (Schultz) West. They preceded him in death.

He married Margaret Custer on Dec. 17, 1949, in Garrett. She died Feb. 26, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Kathy West of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Joseph McPherson of Pleasant Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, Herbert West Jr. and Gwen West of Tennessee; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Mosley; a son, Joseph West, and a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Mary West.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Steve Roscoe officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Lillie Davidson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lillie Mae Davidson, 68, of Wolcottville died at 9:31 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Davidson

Mrs. Davidson had been disabled for many years and had been a factory worker.

She had moved to the area in 1972 from Cincinnati and prior to that had lived in Kentucky.

Mrs. Davidson enjoyed growing roses and working on crafts. She loved the holidays, especially Christmas.

She was born Nov. 2, 1938, in Hazard, Ky., to Dovie (McDaniel) Collins. She survives in Martin, Ky.

Also surviving are daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Saylor of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Vincent Jr. and Cassy Davidson of Avilla; four sisters, Jean Martin, Pamela Sue McCoy and Shirley Hicks, all of Kentucky, and Mae Fern LaFonda of Cincinnati; three brothers, Lonnie Collins and Albert Collins, both of Kentucky, and Jimmy Collins of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Krystal Davidson, Derrick Davidson, Brent Davidson, Kara Kelham and William Davis; and seven great-grandchildren, Madison Kelham, Connor Kelham, Devin Davidson, Jayden Davidson, Meilee Kelham, Kyler Davidson and Jaycob Davidson.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Madison Collins; a sister, Krilda Mae Collins; and four brothers, Craig Collins, Teddy Collins, Carlos Collins and Curt Sizemore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with Glenn Patrick officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Pallbearers will be Vincent Davidson Jr., William Davis, Dwayne Slone, John Saylor, Brent Davidson and Donald Friar.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Harold Poscharscky

CROMWELL — Harold E. Poscharscky, 91, of Tampa, Fla., and formerly of Cromwell died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Melech Hospice House near Tampa.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Pete Savage

SEBRING, Fla. — Pete Savage, 77, formerly of Syracuse, died Nov. 10, 2006, in Sebring, Fla.

Mr. Savage was a 40-year employee of the former B&O Railroad in Garrett, first as an operator and agent. He later worked for the CSX Railroad as an engineer.

He is survived by a sister, two sons and a daughter.

There was no calling or services.

A memorial service will be held in Syracuse at a later date.

Helen Caruso

FORT WAYNE — Helen V. Caruso, 91, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Caruso was born in Bedford. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Rosary Sodality and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph C. and Barbara Caruso of Fremont; three daughters and sons-in-law, Marianne and Jerry Connett and Joanne and Robert Krudop and Kathy and Paul Parnin, all of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John F. Caruso in 1998; two brothers, Patrick and Tony DeRose; and two sisters, Angel Widdifield and Mary Ann Caruso.

Services will be at noon Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Tim Wrozek officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, Fort Wayne, and also one hour before services at the church on Thursday.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School or Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

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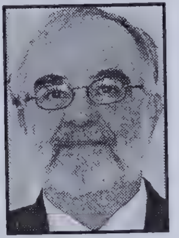
Eric Friedel

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — Eric Lee Friedel 58, of Bonita Springs, Fla., and formerly of Fremont, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007.


Mr. Friedel

Mr. Friedel had been a resident of Bonita Springs for the past 12 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served in the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart.

He was a tool and die maker by trade and had worked for Krehling Industries in Naples, Fla. and Metal Spinners in Angola.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia A. Friedel; a son, Jamie Lynn Friedel of Fremont; six stepchildren, Sonia Lee Dunn and Kyle T. Parker, both of Fremont, David J. Conway of Angola, Jenny Lynn Rose of Naples, David H. Parker of Fort Myers, Fla., and Carrie R. Parker of Bonita Springs; seven siblings, Peggy J. Bishop of Ryan, Ohio, Sarah Jane Sweet of Stryker, Ohio, Larry W. Friedel of Bronson, Mich., Susan K. Friedel of Indianapolis, Randolph M. Friedel of Hudson, Michele Gary of Edon, Ohio, and Dennis W. Friedel of Angola; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services with military honors will be at 2 p.m. today at Shikanys Bonita Funeral Home, Bonita Springs. Calling will be one hour before services.

Memorials are to Naples Community Hospital for social services programs.

Robert Raub

FORT WAYNE — Robert J. Raub, 93, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, he was a salesman with several rubber companies. He was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, where he was a Stephen Minister and sang in the choir.

Surviving are a nephew, John Raub of Peru, Ind.; two nieces, Barbara Dawson of Huntertown and Becky Freck of Nashville, Tenn.; and three sisters-in-law, Frances Freck of Huntertown, Barbara Hoffmeyer of Waterloo and Jackie Swain of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta D. Raub; two brothers, Waldo and Richard Raub; and a niece, Belinda Sloffer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn with calling from 9=10 a.m.. Pastor Forrest Van Gundy will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Additional calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Resurrection Lutheran Church or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional survivors.*

Katheryn Killion

ANGOLA — Katheryn Killion, 72, of Angola and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Killion was born March 14, 1934, in Bell County, Ky., to Mitchell and Mary Alice (Tackett) Helton. She was married to Fay Killion on April 3, 1982, and he survives.

She was an ordained minister and a homemaker. She was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Also surviving are a son, Allen Simpson Sr. of New Tazewell, Tenn.; four daughters, Diceya Lincoln of New Tazewell, Connie Sherritze pf Sharps Chapel, Tenn., Belle Rowe of Hudson and Katheryn Jolin of Ashley; five stepsons, Kenneth and Larry Killion, both of Monroe, Mich., Jonathan Killion of Indianapolis, Andrew Killion of Angola and David Killion of Knoxville, Tenn.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Verda Frye.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at the Independent Full Gospel Church, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be one hour before services.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the family in care of Fay Killion.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Hildamae Steward

CHARLES CITY, Iowa — Hildamae Steward, 83, of Charles City, Iowa, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Salsbury Baptist Home in Charles City.

She was born in Auburn on May 17, 1923, to Lloyd and Dorothy (Ferguson) Mitchner. They preceded her in death.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1941.

She married Ray Steward on Nov. 28, 1942, in Auburn. The couple moved to Charles City in 1962. Her husband survives in Charles City.

She worked as a salesperson, office clerk and a teacher's aide at various locations during her life.

She was a member of the Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wildwood Ladies Golf, Judy Souer Sorority, Navy Mothers Club and Heritage Club.

She enjoyed watching educational and informational television shows. Her favorite shows were "The Victory Garden" and "British Comedy Hour." She enjoyed watching basketball. Her favorite team was the Bulls and her favorite athlete was Michael Jordan. She enjoyed playing golf in the summer and working on puzzle books.

Also surviving are a son, Patrick Steward of Charles City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Toni and Bob Pieper of Charles City and Amy and Randy Caster of Plainfield, Iowa; three grandchildren, Joe Acord and his wife, Stephanie, James Acord and Brent Steward; a great-granddaughter, Courtney Acord; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Alva Grogg of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 2:30 p.m. (Indiana time) at Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Dennis Niezwaag officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. (Indiana time) at Hauser Funeral Home, 1205 S. Main St., Charles City, and one hour before services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Salsbury Baptist Home, 807 5th St., Charles City, IA 50616, or Hospice of North Iowa, 1003 Gilbert St., Charles City, IA 50616.

Hauser Funeral Home, www.hauserfh.com, is handling arrangements.

Richard Schoof

AVILLA — Richard C. "Rick" Schoof, 29, of Avilla and formerly of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, from injuries he received in a traffic accident near Antwerp, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy; a daughter, Gracie; his parents, Richard "Stick" and Imogene Schoof of Auburn and his in-laws, Greg and Cathy McNeal of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Rosemary Nicole

FORT WAYNE — Rosemary H. Nicole, 78, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker and a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Karen Nicole of Corunna, Ernest, Mark and Patrick Nicole, all of Fort Wayne and Steven and Bev Nicole of Joplin, Mo.; four daughters and a son-in-law, Diane Bell, Rebecca and Jim Miller, Jacqueline Dawn and Beverly Lowery, all of Fort Wayne; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three brothers, Richard Schuhler of Florida, John Schuhler of Fort Wayne Edward Schuhler of Kendallville; and three sisters, Velma DeKonick of Hoagland, Delores Miller of Fort Wayne and Marjore Belcher of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard L. Nicole, two sons, five brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with calling from 10-11 a.m. Father Plus will officiate. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Additional calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with a vigil at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Memorials are to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church or Make a Wish Foundation.

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Richard Schoof

AVILLA — Richard Clayton Schoof, 29, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, in an automobile accident south of Antwerp, Ohio.

Mr. Schoof

He was employed with W.A. Jones in Columbia City as a sales representative.

In the past, he had worked in the construction business for many years with Parrish Homes of Avilla and Winebrenner Construction of Auburn. He also owned his own construction company, R.S. Construction.

Mr. Schoof graduated from DeKalb High School in 1997 and Tri-State University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. He attended Tri-State on a track scholarship and was an excellent pole vaulter.

Mr. Schoof was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 7, 1977, to Rick A. and Imogene (Draper) Schoof. He married Cynthia Leigh Thomson on Sept. 1, 2001, in Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He will be remembered as a good father and husband.

His other passions in life were collecting and repairing 1979 Ford pickup trucks and going "mudding." He loved to deer and turkey hunt. He played on a Fort Wayne softball league and enjoyed playing golf and Texas Hold'em poker.

He was a member of the American Pool Association and played with a league in Garrett. He was also a member of the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity.

Surviving are his wife, Cyndie Schoof of Avilla; a daughter, Gracie May Schoof of Avilla; his father and mother, Rick "Stick" and Imogene Schoof of Auburn; his in-laws, Greg and Cathey McNeal of Corunna and Bill and Elissa Thomson of Midland, Mich.; a sister, Brandy Smith of Auburn; two nieces, Machaela and Shelby Smith of Auburn; a brother-in-law, Matthew McNeal of Corunna; paternal grandmother, Ruth Schoof of Auburn; maternal stepgrandmother, Lila Draper of Auburn; maternal grandmother-in-law, Donna Wright of Kendallville; and maternal grandparents-in-law, Tom and Alice Thomson of Sun City West, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Eugene Schoof; maternal grandfather, Raymond Draper Sr.; and maternal grandmother, Shirley Draper.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, at the corner of Waits Road and S.R. 3 in Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating.

Burial will be at Avilla Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers will be Travis Maldeney, Jason Laughlin, Rick Frye, Jeremy Spidel, Jesse Robinson, Jason Robinson and Chad Carper.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to a college fund for Gracie May Schoof in care of Cyndie Schoof.

To view a video tribute or send condolences, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Winchester

NEW HAVEN — Patricia A. Winchester, 66, of New Haven, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at home with her loving family at her side.

Mrs. Winchester

She was born in Auburn and attended Lifeway Wesleyan Church. She worked at the Fort Wayne State Developmental Center in the Fiscal Affairs Department.

Surviving are her husband of 16 years, LeRoy; two daughters, Lynette Zimmerman of Dandridge, Tenn., and Jodie Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Jim and Sharon Winchester of Bluffton and Rick and Michele Winchester of Edgerton, Ohio; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tamra and Stuart Stier of Leo; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Sharon Muhn, Thomas and Nancy Shellenbarger and Joe and Debbie Shellenbarger; a sister and brother-in-law, Kay and Larry Davisson; two grandchildren, Brent and Chad Dillon; 26 stepgrandchildren; six stepgreat grandchildren; and her loving pug, Lexy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Perry Muhn and Anna Shellenbarger.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 East, New Haven, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Additional calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Mary Cripe

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Mary V. (Oesch) Cripe, 95, of Okeechobee died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Cripe

Mrs. Cripe was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Sorosis Club of LaGrange County and a garden club. She enjoyed singing, sewing and gardening.

Mrs. Cripe was a 1930 graduate of Shipshewana High School.

She was born Dec. 3, 1911, in LaGrange to Cecil and Sylvia (Todd) Woodworth. She first married Truman Oesch on Jan. 1, 1931, and he died March 18, 1953. She then married Newell Cripe on June 27, 1973, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Cleo Hartzler of Topeka and Lorraine and Jim Alwine of Mishawaka; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Jerri Oesch of Lakeville; two stepsons and their wives, Richard and Mertie Cripe of Ligonier and Ronald and Lydia Cripe of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Brenda Steller of Ligonier; a sister, Edythe Miller of Elkhart; a brother, Ted Woodworth of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd Woodworth, Charles Woodworth and Wayne Woodworth; and a stepgrandson, John Cripe.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol of the First Church of God in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Okeechobee, Fla., 411 S.E. 4th St., Okeechobee, FL 34974.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

David Goldsberry

RADUSO, N.M. — David W. Goldsberry, 46, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007.

Mr. Goldsberry lived in Garrett for most of his life. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard and Army Reserves before going to active duty.

He had worked at Cooper Engineered Products and the Auburn Foundry and was a truck driver. He moved to Raduso, N.M., where he worked for Pack's Construction for the past 10 years.

He was born May 11, 1960, in Lima, Ohio, to Hank and Clara Jane (Richardson) Goldsberry.

Surviving are five daughters, Sabrina Fugate of Wolcottville and Christine Goldsberry, Ashley Goldsberry, Danielle Goldsberry and April Wilson, all of Marion, Ohio; a son, David Epling of Tippi, Ariz.; four grandchildren; one brother, Walt Goldsberry of Monroeville; and one sister, Pam Bauman of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, a stepfather, Gerald "Tuffy" High, and a brother, Jeffrey Goldsberry.

A memorial service for the family will be at a later date.

Harold Poscharscky

TAMPA, Fla. — Harold E. Poscharscky, 91, of Tampa died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Melech Hospice House.

Mr. Poscharscky moved to Florida 10 years ago from Cromwell.

He had been a self-employed contractor for many years.

Mr. Poscharscky was a member of the IBE Bonita Springs Horse Shoe Club.

He was born Jan. 24, 1915, in Wyanet, Ill., to Herman and Minnie (Kelm) Poscharscky. He married Zelma Prentice on June 27, 1937, in Sparta Township, Noble County. She died Jan. 24, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and James Freeman of Middlefield, Ohio, and Janet and James Hellwig of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Margaret Miller of Syracuse; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery. His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Church in Cromwell.

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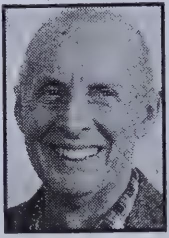
Robert Schane

FORT WAYNE — Robert E. Schane, 83, died Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at Woodview Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Schane

Mr. Schane was an accountant with International Harvester for 33 1/2 years, retiring in 1978. He also was employed with Roots Camp and Ski House for 25 years.

He was a member of Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schane was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born April 11, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Earl and Velma (Cress) Schane.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Schane of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Marge Woodroof and her husband, Burton, and Carol Cory and her companion, Donald Dyer; a brother-in-law, Harold Shoppell and his wife, Virginia; and 20 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Doris, Pat and Connie.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne St. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity English Lutheran Church for the Jonah and Rachel Blankenhorn Trust.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Bordner

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. — Virginia Mae (Browand) Bordner, 81, of North Charleston died at 8:48 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, in South Carolina.

Mrs. Bordner was a homemaker.

She enjoyed reading and gardening.

Mrs. Bordner was a member of Seacoast Church Summerville.

She was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Kendallville to Albert Alfred and Elise LaVana (Kuhn) Browand. She married Leonard Lester "Bud" Bordner on Sept. 16, 1949, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He died May 13, 1973.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara A. Simpson of Albion and Diana L. Bordner of North Charleston; two sisters, Kathleen Campbell and Marge Browand, both of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Brian Bordner, David Bordner, Michael Bordner, Kristy Bordner, Chuck Bordner and his wife Tracey, Shawn Simpson and his wife Amanda, Jeffrey Simpson and his wife Sarah, Kelly Little and her fiance Justin, and Robert Lewis III; and three great-grandchildren, Lily Jones, Lucas Bordner and Aria Lewis.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bernard L. Bordner; and two sisters, Evelyn Diehm and Lavana King.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating.

Memorials are to Seacoast Church Summerville, 107 W. 6th North St., Summerville, S.C. 29483.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Phyllis Scott

ANGOLA — Phyllis D. (Harvey) Scott, 68, of Angola and North Canton, Ohio, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Scott was born May 26, 1938, in Hammond to Joseph and Irene (Korlin) Harvey. She was a school teacher for elementary, middle school and college students. She had also worked for the Carnegie Public Library in Angola and was the rehabilitation coordinator for head injuries at the Edwin Shaw Rehab Center at Akron General Hospital in Akron, Ohio.

She married Donald Scott on Oct. 15, 1960. He survives.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola. She was the vice president of the Michigan Head Injury Alliance.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Korlin and Diane Scott of Macedonia, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Kristen and Brian Krohn of Grand Ledge, Mich.; a brother, Wayne K. Harvey of Rochester, Minn.; three sisters, Susan Harvey of Scottsdale, Ariz., Joanna Fritz of Carmel and Nancy Bewley of Houston, Texas; and an unborn grandchild due March 1.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Michigan Head Injury Alliance.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new information about a relative.*

Wayne Thomas

FRESNO, Calif. — Wayne D. Thomas, 88, of Fresno, Calif., died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Thomas served his country during World War II as a U.S. Marine on the island of Iwo Jima.

Surviving are his wife, Aranka, in Fresno; a stepdaughter, Linda Bruce of Merced, Calif.; three daughters and two sons-in-law: Patty Sue and Ralph Aalders of Auburn, Nancy Deardorf of Auburn and Jerilyn and Robert Farver of Ashley; a son, James Thomas of Columbus, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Hart and Janet and Bob Maxwell, all of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alva Thomas, his mother, Pauline (Quince) Thomas, and two brothers, Ronald and Richard Thomas.

Services were conducted Saturday in Whitehurst Sullivan Burns & Blair Funeral Home, Fresno. Interment was at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetary in Gustine, Calif.

A local memorial service will be at the Auburn Church of Christ, Eighteenth and Jackson streets, tonight at 7, with calling after 6:30 p.m.

Thomas VanKirk

ANGOLA — Thomas Monroe VanKirk, 43, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at home.

Mr. VanKirk

Mr. VanKirk was born Nov. 30, 1963, in Phelps County, Mo. He enjoyed fishing and watching Indianapolis Colts games.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy; two sons, Nathan and Kyle VanKirk at home; a daughter, Vanessa VanKirk of Auburn; a granddaughter, Kayla Sanchez; his father, Thomas L. VanKirk of West Columbia, Texas; his mother, Darlene (Brakefield) McAbee of St. Louis, Mo.; four brothers; Larry, Steve, Frank and John; two sisters, Beverly and Yvette; and 10 nieces and four nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Burr Funeral Home & Crematory, Sherwood, Ohio, with the Rev. George Alley officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family and the on-line guest book may be signed at www.burrfh.com.

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Michael Mitchell

ANGOLA — Michael Dean Mitchell, 66, of Angola and formerly of Dimondale, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at home.

Mr. Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell was born April 25, 1946, in Howard City, Mich., to Clyde G. and Naomi D. (Raymer) Ripley. He was a tool maker at General Motors in Lansing, Mich. He retired in 1998. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Army.

On Sept. 30, 1961, he married Carol Deuel. She survives.

He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ, Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, several war re-enactment groups, Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club, Long-Rifles Apprenticeship, the National Muzzle-Loading Rifle Association and the North-South Scrimmage Association.

He was in the movie “Gettysburg” and worked for Media Magic doing documentary videos in which he appeared and worked behind the scenes. He enjoyed making and playing mountain dulcimers.

He did substitute teaching at several Steuben County schools after moving to the area in 2000.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Bethany and Lonnie Arens, Cheryl and Daniel Crown and Jennifer and Brett Litwiller, all of Lansing; two adopted daughters and their husbands, Corinda and Mark Huss of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Stacy and Jim Papranec of Grand Ledge, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Leslie Ripley of Sanford, Mich., and Scott and Patty Ripley of Pickney, Mich.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Bruce Mitchell-Morgan of Phoenix, Ariz., Barbara and Cliff Rosin of Holland, Mich. and Rosemary and Louis Grenier of Texas; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his adoptive father, Leslie Mitchell; and a granddaughter, Rebecca Lynne Crown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Additional services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Okemos Christian Church, Okemos, Mich. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Stroh Church of Christ and two hours before services on Saturday at Okemos Christian Church.

Burial will be in Dimondale Cemetery, Dimondale.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Angola, or Fort Wayne Medical Oncology, P.O. Box 15099, Fort Wayne, IN 46885.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

ALBION NEW ERA Albion, IN
January 27, 2007, Wednesday

FATAL FIRE — A Wolf Lake area man was apparently overcome by smoke when he returned to his blazing home to retrieve keys for several classic vehicles he owned. Two of them can be seen here parked near the garage of the home. Ralph Wiedman, 73, initially left the burning structure with his wife, then reentered. A family dog also reportedly perished. (ANE photo by Joy LeCount)

Man dies in house fire

by Mark Hunter

WOLF LAKE — Going back into his burning home to retrieve some items proved fatal for a Wolf Lake area man early Wednesday, January 17.

Ralph Wiedman, 73, escaped the blaze, but then reentered his home, where he may have been overcome by smoke, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. His body was found slumped over in a room not far from the front door of the two story wood frame home, located at 0799 S 375 W.

Wiedman's wife told investigators a smoke detector and barking dog alerted them to the fire, and Wiedman called 911 before the two left the residence. However, Wiedman reportedly went back inside to get the keys to classic cars parked on the property and didn't make it back out again. The vehicles, an antique Dodge and a 70's era Ford Mustang, weren't damaged.

Wiedman's wife escaped injury. At least one family dog reportedly died in the fire, although several others were rescued. The home was gutted, and much of its roof burned off.

The cause of the blaze hasn't been officially determined, but investigators are looking into the possibility that a space heater may have set a rug on fire.

Dispatchers received Wiedman's 911 call at 3 a.m., and paged the Noble Township Fire Department. Fire Chief Rob Davis responded directly to the scene, arriving just before Sheriff's Deputies Terry Waikel and Carey Coney. By the time they arrived fire was showing from the rear of the building, and they were unable to get inside because of heavy smoke.

Within moments of the initial page, Davis called for a full response of firefighters and equipment from the Albion and Thorn Creek Fire Departments. Noble County EMS personnel also responded, but the severe fire conditions prevented anyone from being able to save Wiedman. The fire was declared under control an

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hour and a half after it began, but Wiedman's body couldn't be removed right away because of danger from the amount of structural damage to the building. An autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

Flames burned through a live power line and dropped it to the ground, hampering fire fighting efforts. Noble REMC crews responded to shut off power.

In addition, extra fire crews had to be brought in and rotated because of cold weather, as temperatures hovered in the teens. Several fire department tankers were also called, shuttling water from a "dry hydrant" connected to a nearby lake. Firefighting operations left water spilled on area roads, so county and state highway crews put sand and salt down, and CR 375W was closed during much of the incident. Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police officers helped with traffic control.

Mutual aid fire departments that sent trucks and manpower to the scene came from Churubusco, Cromwell, and Kendallville. Empty fire stations were covered by standby units from the Columbia Township, Ligonier, North Webster, and Syracuse Fire Departments.

Also responding to the scene were investigators for the State Fire Marshal's Office and Sheriff's Department, Noble County Coroner's Office, and Noble County Humane Shelter.

Richard C. "Rick" Schoof, 29

AVILLA - Richard C. "Rick" Schoof, 29, of Avilla and formerly of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, from injuries he received in a traffic accident near Antwerp, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy; a daughter, Gracie; his parents, Richard "Stick" and Imogene Schoof of Auburn and his in-laws, Greg and Cathy McNeal of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ryliegh Brumbaugh, 23 mo.

LAOTTO – Ryliegh Grace Lynn Brumbaugh, 23 months old, of LaOtto died unexpectedly Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

She was born Feb. 14, 2005, in Fort Wayne to David Loren Brumbaugh and Trina Lynn (Gross) Brumbaugh. They survive in LaOtto.

Also surviving are two brothers, Ross Brumbaugh and Remingtin Brumbaugh, both of LaOtto; her grandparents, Linda Gross of Auburn and Loren "Jake" and Janet Brumbaugh of Albion; and great-grandmothers Bernadean Miller of Garrett, Beth Brumbaugh of Albion and Marjorie Roe of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Ross J. Gross.

Services were held Sunday, January 21, 2007 at Sugar Grove Church of God, Churubusco, with Pastor Tim Grable officiating. Burial was in Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family or Riley Hospital for Children.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas @skyenet.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 27, 2007, Wednesday

Lillie Mae Davidson, 68

WOLCOTTVILLE - Lillie Mae Davidson, 68, of Wolcottville died at 9:31 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Davidson had been disabled for many years and had been a factory worker.

She had moved to the area in 1972 from Cincinnati and prior to that had lived in Kentucky.

Mrs. Davidson enjoyed growing roses and working on crafts. She loved the holidays, especially Christmas.

She was born Nov. 2, 1938, in Hazard, Ky., to Dovie (McDaniel) Collins. She survives in Martin, Ky.

Also surviving are daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Saylor of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Vincent Jr. and Cassy Davidson of Avilla; four sisters, Jean Martin, Pamela Sue McCoy and Shirley Hicks, all of Kentucky, and Mae Fern LaFonda of Cincinnati; three brothers, Lonnie Collins and Albert Collins, both of Kentucky, and Jimmy Collins of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Krystal Davidson, Derrick Davidson, Brent Davidson, Kara Kelham and William Davis; and seven great-grandchildren, Madison Kelham, Connor Kelham, Devin Davidson, Jayden Davidson, Meilee Kelham, Kyler Davidson and Jaycob Davidson.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Madison Collins; a sister, Krilda Mae Collins; and four brothers, Craig Collins, Teddy Collins, Carlos Collins and Curt Sizemore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with Glenn Patrick officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Vincent Davidson Jr., William Davis, Dwayne Slone, John Saylor, Brent Davidson and Donald Friar.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Walter Perry, 80

AUBURN - Walter W. Perry, 80, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Perry worked for Auburn Gear for 32 years, retiring in 1992. He also was a police officer for the railroad for 10 years in Willard, Ohio.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from January 1945 to November 1946.

He attended the Garrett United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Garrett, American Legion Post 246 in Albion and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Wolcottville, to A. Vance and Lorena (Donat) Perry.

He married Sandra McFeters on July 3, 1969, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Gloria Jean Young of Garrett and Deborah Perry of Avilla; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a brother.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Marjorie Ann Wampler, 75

GREENFIELD - Marjorie Ann (Arthur) Wampler, 75, of Greenfield died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Wampler was raised in the Bloomington area and was a 1949 graduate of Bloomington High School.

She taught Sunday school at First Assembly of God in New Castle for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Wampler was a member of the Knightstown Historical Society, Poet Club and the Democratic Party.

She enjoyed painting, writing poetry and being a Girl Scout leader.

She was born April 22, 1931, in Bloomington to Ollie and Laura (Ray) Arthur.

Her husband of 53 years, Robert Lee Wampler, preceded her in death in 2003.

Surviving are three sons, Gary Wampler of Knightstown, Kerry Wampler of Greenfield and Jeffrey Wampler of Bloomington; four daughters, Julia Martin of South Lawrence, Mass., Rhonda Hummer of Bloomington, Lee Ann Dolezal of Avilla and Katherine Wampler of Greenfield; two brothers, Max Arthur and Dale Arthur, both of Bloomington; three sisters, Phyllis Black of Fort Wayne, Carolyn Thickstun of Bloomington and Susie Siscoe of Greensburg; 17 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Hollis Roy, Leland, Bob, Russell and Don Arthur; and a grandson, Ty Bridges.

Services were Friday at First Assembly of God Church in New Castle with the Rev. Stephen Galloway officiating. Burial was in Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Memorials are to First Assembly of God Shepherds Door.

Condolences may be sent online to www.paso-stillinger.com.

Ralph Wiedman, 73

KIMMELL – Ralph Edward Wiedman,, 73, died Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at his home in Kimmell.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a Korean War veteran. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and loved people.

Survivors include wife, Jeanne A. Wiedman of Kimmell; daughter, Debra L. (Robert L.) Butler of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Frank Wiedman of Fort Wayne and Chuck Antwerp; grandson, Marty Butler; and great-grandchildren, Brandt Butler and Brooke Butler.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara A. (Hough) Wiedman; and sister, Doris Nieb.

Services were held Saturday, January 20, 2007, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Phyllis Wiegman officiating.

Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 27, 2007, Wednesday

Carrie Ann Cooper Kendall, 36

ANDERSON – Carrie Ann Cooper Kendall, 36, of Anderson died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the home of her fiance in Noblesville.

Ms. Kendall had been raised in Ligonier and moved to Anderson six years ago.

She enjoyed music, knitting, reading and shopping.

She was born May 17, 1970, in Kendallville to Dale and Virgie (Hewitt) Cooper. Her father survives in Ligonier and her mother died March 18, 2000.

Surviving are her fiance, Carl Harper of Noblesville; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Dale and Andrea Cooper of Ligonier, Brian Cooper of Albion and Jeremy Cooper of Rome City; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Bobbi and Jason Ritter of Albion, Suzette and Todd Hampton of Louisiana and Jennifer and Shane Cook of Elizabethtown, Ky.; six nephews; eight nieces; five uncles and five aunts.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Nathan Cooper; maternal grandparents, Roy and Lilia Hewitt; paternal grandparents, Wade and Kathleen Cooper; and a niece, Madison Cooper.

Services were Saturday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Linda Sue Hewitt officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ted Sparkman, Jackie Cooper, Aaron Cooper, Brian Cooper, Dale Cooper and Jason Ritter.

Memorials are to local chapters of MADD and SADD.

Evelyn Watson, 85

CROMWELL – Evelyn F. Watson, 85, of Cromwell died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where she had been a resident since May 2006.

Mrs. Watson had worked at Borden Co. and General Electric in Fort Wayne and Monsanto in Ligonier.

She had moved to Cromwell from Fort Wayne in August 1956.

Mrs. Watson enjoyed country music, gardening and tending to her flowers.

She was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Warsaw to Willard and Mary (Henderson) Swonger. She married Harry Watson on Nov. 12, 1955, in Arcola. He survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Lee Bair of Warsaw and Terry and Sherry Bair and Kenneth and Cyndi Watson, all of Ligonier; a daughter, Sharon Garner of Lisbon; two stepdaughters, Bonnie and Floyd Affolder of Fort Wayne and Linda Jewett of Arcola; 17 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers; a sister; a grandson; two great-granddaughters; and her stepmother, Stella Stump Emmons.

Memorial services were held Sunday, January 21, 2007, at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Jesse Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

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Janice (Hahn) Banes

LAFAYETTE — Janice E. (Hahn) Banes, 53, of Lafayette died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Banes lived in Hamilton until the age of 17 and graduated from Logansport High School. She had worked in the chemistry lab at Purdue University for 12 years. She was a member of Heritage United Methodist Church. She enjoyed knitting, and camping, and was a member of the Willowwood Homemakers Association.

She was born March 13, 1953, in Angola to the late Harold and Mildred (Cummings) Hahn.

She married Robert "Bob" Banes on Sept. 14, 1985, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Christopher Miller of Delphi; a daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Cory Hardebeck of West Lafayette; two stepsons and their wives, Robert and Jessica Banes and John and Julie Banes, and a stepdaughter, Kelly Banes, all of Lafayette; a brother and sister-in-law Eugene and Sharon Hahn of Auburn; and eight grandchildren, Luke, Hannah, Jaden, Alexus, Madisyn, Bryce, Blair and Brandon.

A brother, Jerry Hahn, preceded her in death.

Services were held Monday at Hippensteel Funeral Home in Lafayette, with Pastor Bruce Mowery officiating. Burial was at Spring Vale Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or St. Elizabeth Home Health and Hospice.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Taylor

HOWE — Elizabeth M. Taylor, 83, of Howe died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Taylor had moved to Howe in 1947 from Georgia.

She had retired as a postal clerk from the post office in Howe.

Mrs. Taylor had served as a Red Coat volunteer at LaGrange Hospital.

She was a 50-year member of the Lima Presbyterian Church choir and the church's Priscilla Circle.

She was born May 19, 1923, at Fort Benning, Ga., to Orville and Winifred Irene (Wade) Guthrie. She married Robert P. Taylor on June 15, 1947, in Howe. He died Nov. 7, 2006.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Roger Nelson of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Brenda Taylor of Indianapolis; a sister, Mildred Sayers of Sturgis, Mich.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Kathren Gladfelter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church or the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

James Clore

OSSIAN — James A. Clore, 67, of Ossian died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Clore

Mr. Clore worked for Navistar for 31 1/2 years, retiring in 1990. He then moved to Florida, where he worked in the recreational vehicle industry before moving back to Ossian.

He served in the National Guard for nine years and was a volunteer firefighter in Wayne Township.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Markle and was an avid motorcycle and motor home enthusiast.

He was born Jan. 3, 1940, in Hartford City.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria (Sult) Clore of Ossian; a son, Jeffery Clore of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters Deborah McAfee Plasterer and her husband, Mike, of Ossian and Tara Bodhe Pollock and her husband, Erick, of Hudson; a brother, David Clore of Kansas; two sisters, Georgianna Dudley of Navarre, Fla., and Hilma Draho of West Chester, Ill.; 12 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter, Bailey Lynn Combs.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Clore.

A gathering of family and friends in memory of Mr. Clore will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

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Delmar Cottrell

COLDWATER, Mich. — Delmar Lee Cottrell, 72, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at home.

Mr. Cottrell

Mr. Cottrell was born June 26, 1934, in Antwerp, Ohio, to James and Marie (Taylor) Cottrell. He worked for a short time at the Seslar Royal Co. in Antwerp, and worked for 26 years at General Motors. He also farmed and worked with his Amish friends for 10 years after retiring from GM.

He married Terry Mobley on July 16, 1955, in Antwerp. She survives.

He graduated from Antwerp High School in 1952. He lived in Antwerp all his life until moving to Coldwater in 2002.

He was a member of the Coldwater United Methodist Church, where he and his wife were very active. They sang together in the Praise Band, and he was a member of the Men's Club.

He helped set up the Nativity scene at the four corners in downtown Coldwater at Christmastime every year. His favorite activities were cutting and splitting wood.

He was a gardener and liked to read western books.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Tonya and Ted Alleshouse of Angola, Shelby and Tim Arey of Quincy, Mich., and Laura Kinder and her fiance DeLynn Hughett of Knoxville, Tenn.; nine grandchildren, Erin, Sam, Chris, Carly, Dustin, Karissa, Ashley, Zach. Nicole, Rachel, Kelsey and Brandon; two great-grandchildren, Chance and McKenzie; an unborn great-granddaughter; and a sister, Deanna Alleshouse of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Katherine Oliver; and a granddaughter, Courtney Kinder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Coldwater United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Cindy Skutar officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Memorials are to Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice.

Condolences can be left online at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Marion Fleming

HOWE — Marion C. Fleming, 72, of Howe died at 10:47 a.m. Wednesday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Everett Enz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Everett "Neil" Enz, 66, of Pretty Lake, Wolcottville, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at the VA Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Enz was a former employee of GE in Fort Wayne, as well as past president of its local union. He had also been employed as a supervisor at Stanadyne in Garrett.

He retired after 20 years as a self-employed antiques dealer.

Mr. Enz also served as past president of the Pretty Lake Conservation Club.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland.

He was born Jan. 30, 1940, to Herbert and Elizabeth Enz. They are deceased. He married Alma Louise Ewert on Dec. 16, 1961. She preceded him in death in 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Denise and Bret Worden of Wolcottville and Nicole Velpel of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren, Joshua and Jason Worden of Wolcottville.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Trinity Church, 709 W. Business 30, Columbia City.

Memorials are to Trinity Church, P.O. Box 638, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center — Broad Ripple is in charge of arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information.*

Michael Mitchell

ANGOLA — Michael Dean Mitchell, 66, of Angola and formerly of Dimondale, Mich., died Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at home.

Mr. Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell was born April 25, 1940, in Howard City, Mich. to Clyde G. and Naomi D. (Raymer) Ripley. He was a tool maker at General Motors in Lansing, Mich. He retired in 1998. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Army.

On Sept. 30, 1961, he married Carol Deuel. She survives.

He was a member of Stroh Church of Christ, Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of the American Revolution, several war re-enactment groups, Lansing Muzzle Loading Gun Club, Long-Rifles Apprenticeship, the National Muzzle-Loading Rifle Association and the North-South Scrimmage Association.

He was in the movie "Gettysburg" and worked for Media Magic doing documentary videos in which he appeared and worked behind the scenes. He enjoyed making and playing mountain dulcimers.

He did substitute teaching at several Steuben County schools after moving to the area in 2000.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Bethany and Lonnie Arens, Cheryl and Daniel Crown-Curtin and Jennifer and Brett Litwiller, all of Lansing; two adopted daughters and their husbands, Corinda and Mark Huss of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Stacy and Jim Papranec of Grand Ledge, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Leslie Ripley of Sanford, Mich. and Scott and Patty Ripley of Pickney, Mich.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Bruce Mitchell-Morgan of Phoenix, Ariz., Barbara and Cliff Rosin of Holland, Mich. and Rosemary and Louis Grenier of Texas; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his adoptive father, Leslie Mitchell; and a granddaughter, Rebecca Lynne Crown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stroh Church of Christ, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Additional services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Okemos Christian Center, Okemos, Mich. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Stroh Church of Christ and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Okemos Christian Church.

Burial will be in Dimondale Cemetery, Dimondale.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Angola, or Fort Wayne Medical Oncology, P.O. Box 15099, Fort Wayne, IN 46885.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Betty Fee

EDGERTON, Ohio — Betty J. Fee, 74, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 5:20 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, in her home after a brief illness.

Mrs. Fee was born July 25, 1932, in Garrett to Walter and Ida (Murphy) Deal.

She married Jack Donaldson on Sept. 2, 1950, and he preceded her in death in 1993.

She then married Brooks R. Fee on Dec. 5, 1996, in Angola, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sherri and Randy Black of Toledo, Ohio; two grandchildren, Haley and Andy Black of Toledo, Ohio; two stepsons, Steven Fee and Tim Fee, both of Atlanta, Ga.; and five stepdaughters, Rosalene Fuller of Angola, Linda Mazurek and Joanna Davis, both of Atlanta, Rebecca DelSanto of Baltimore, Md., and Cindy Tinberg of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Toni and Kim Donaldson, two sisters, Lilly Hildebrandt and Violet Refner, and one brother, Arthur Deal.

There will be no services. Private interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

Krill Funeral Service in Edgerton is handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent and an online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 25, 2007, Thursday

Mary Cripe

OKEECHOBEE, Fla. — Mary V. (Oesch) Cripe, 95, of Okeechobee died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Cripe

Mrs. Cripe was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Sorosis Club of LaGrange County and a garden club. She enjoyed singing, sewing and gardening.

Mrs. Cripe was a 1930 graduate of Shipshewana High School.

She was born Dec. 3, 1911, in LaGrange to Cecil and Sylvia (Todd) Woodworth. She first married Truman Oesch on Jan. 1, 1931, and he died March 18, 1953. She then married Newell Cripe on June 27, 1973, in Ligonier. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Cleo Hartzler of Topeka and Lorraine and Jim Alwine of Mishawaka; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Jerri Oesch of Lakeville; two stepsons and their wives, Richard and Mertie Cripe of Ligonier and Ronald and Lydia Cripe of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Brenda Steller of Ligonier; a sister, Edythe Miller of Elkhart; a brother, Ted Woodworth of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Lloyd Woodworth, Charles Woodworth and Wayne Woodworth; and a stepgrandson, John Cripe.

Ralph Wiedman

KIMMELL — Ralph Edward Wiedman, 73, of Kimmell died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Wiedman was a Fort Wayne native.

He was a Korean War veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne A. Wiedman of Kimmell; a daughter and son-in-law, Debra L. and Robert Butler of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Frank Wiedman of Fort Wayne and Chuck Wiedman of Antwerp, Ohio; a grandson, Marty Butler; and two great-grandchildren, Brandt Butler and Brooke Butler.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara A. (Hough) Wiedman; and a sister, Doris Nieb.

Services were Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Phyllis Wiegmann officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol of the First Church of God in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Okeechobee, Fla., 411 S.E. 4th St., Okeechobee, FL 34974.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Carrie Kendall

ANDERSON — Carrie Ann Cooper Kendall, 36, of Anderson died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at the home of her fiance in Noblesville.

Ms. Kendall

Ms. Kendall had been raised in Ligonier and moved to Anderson six years ago.

She enjoyed music, knitting, reading and shopping.

She was born May 17, 1970, in Kendallville to Dale and Virgie (Hewitt) Cooper. Her father survives in Ligonier and her mother died March 18, 2000.

Surviving are her fiance, Carl Harper of Noblesville; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Dale and Andrea Cooper of Ligonier, Brian Cooper of Albion and Jeremy Cooper of Rome City; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Bobbi and Jason Ritter of Albion, Suzette and Todd Hampton of Louisiana and Jennifer and Shane Cook of Elizabethtown, Ky.; six nephews; eight nieces; five uncles and five aunts.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Nathan Cooper; maternal grandparents, Roy and Lilia Hewitt; paternal grandparents, Wade and Kathleen Cooper; and a niece, Madison Cooper.

Services were Saturday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Linda Sue Hewitt officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ted Sparkman, Jackie Cooper, Aaron Cooper, Brian Cooper, Dale Cooper and Jason Ritter.

Memorials are to local chapters of MADD and SADD.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 25, 2007, Thursday

Harold Poscharscky

TAMPA, Fla. — Harold E. Poscharscky, 91, of Tampa died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Melech Hospice House.

Mr. Poscharscky moved to Florida 10 years ago from Cromwell.

He had been a self-employed contractor for many years.

Mr. Poscharscky was a member of the IBE Bonita Springs Horse Shoe Club.

He was born Jan. 24, 1915, in Wyanet, Ill., to Herman and Minnie (Kelm) Poscharscky. He married Zelma Prentice on June 27, 1937, in Sparta Township, Noble County. She died Jan. 24, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and James Freeman of Middlefield, Ohio, and Janet and James Hellwig of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Margaret Miller of Syracuse; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery. His grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Broadway Christian Church in Cromwell.

Darreion Kenyon

LIGONIER — Darreion James Kenyon, 4 months old, of Ligonier died Friday, Jan. 19, 2007, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Darreion was born Sept. 16, 2006, in Indianapolis to Richard D. II and Crystal (Rissner) Kenyon.

Surviving with his parents are a sister, Kaylynn Kenyon; grandparents Richard Sr. and Laura Kenyon of Jones, Mich., Susan Walters of Portage, Mich. and Arleen Rissner of Allegan, Mich.; great-grandparents Orland Kenyon of Belton, Texas, Christine Bowen of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Janet Lee Simpson of Watson Township, Mich.; and several aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John C. Rissner, and great-grandparents Clayton Simpson, Harry B. Rissner and Joann Rissner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Gordon Funeral Residence, Allegan Chapel. Burial will be in Miner Cemetery, Watson Township, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be left online at www.gordonfuneral.com.

Evelyn Watson

CROMWELL — Evelyn F. Watson, 85, of Cromwell died at 2:10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier where she had been a resident since May 2006.

Mrs. Watson had worked at Borden Co. and General Electric in Fort Wayne and Monsanto in Ligonier.

She had moved to Cromwell from Fort Wayne in August 1956.

Mrs. Watson enjoyed country music, gardening and tending to her flowers.

She was born Nov. 16, 1921, in Warsaw to Willard and Mary (Henderson) Swonger. She married Harry Watson on Nov. 12, 1955, in Arcola. He survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Lee Bair of Warsaw and Terry and Sherry Bair and Kenneth and Cyndi Watson, all of Ligonier; a daughter, Sharon Garner of Lisbon; two stepdaughters, Bonnie Affolder and her husband, Floyd, of Fort Wayne and Linda Jewett of Arcola; 17 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers; a sister; a grandson; two great-granddaughters; and her stepmother, Stella Stump Emmons.

Memorial services were Sunday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Jesse Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
January 25, 2007, Thursday

Lillie Davidson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lillie Mae Davidson, 68, of Wolcottville died at 9:31 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Davidson had been disabled for many years and had been a factory worker.

She had moved to the area in 1972 from Cincinnati and prior to that had lived in Kentucky.

Mrs. Davidson enjoyed growing roses and working on crafts. She loved the holidays, especially Christmas.

She was born Nov. 2, 1938, in Hazard, Ky., to Dovie (McDaniel) Collins. She survives in Martin, Ky.

Also surviving are daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Saylor of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Vincent Jr. and Cassy Davidson of Avilla; four sisters, Jean Martin, Pamela Sue McCoy and Shirley Hicks, all of Kentucky, and Mae Fern LaFonda of Cincinnati; three brothers, Lonnie Collins and Albert Collins, both of Kentucky, and Jimmy Collins of Ligonier; five grandchildren, Krystal Davidson, Derrick Davidson, Brent Davidson, Kara Kelham and William Davis; and seven great-grandchildren, Madison Kelham, Connor Kelham, Devin Davidson, Jayden Davidson, Meilee Kelham, Kyler Davidson and Jaycob Davidson.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Madison Collins; a sister, Krilda Mae Collins; and four brothers, Craig Collins, Teddy Collins, Carlos Collins and Curt Sizemore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with Glenn Patrick officiating.

Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery at Wolcottville. Pallbearers will be Vincent Davidson Jr., William Davis, Dwayne Slone, John Saylor, Brent Davidson and Donald Friar.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Man died from carbon monoxide

CROMWELL — A homeless man found dead Sunday morning in his van with a propane heater running died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said Gerald Popenfoose, 62, had a carbon monoxide level of 70 percent in his blood, more than double the amount that can be fatal, according to results of an autopsy performed Monday. Carbon monoxide is usually fatal if it reaches 30 percent, Gaff said.

Gaff has ruled the death to be accidental.

Carbon monoxide, which is created whenever combustible fuels are burned, attaches itself to the blood, preventing the blood from carrying oxygen.

Popenfoose was found dead in the van he was living in at 1930 N. Woodway in Cromwell at 11 a.m. Sunday. All the windows in the van were rolled up, according to Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Shafter Baker.

Popenfoose was living in his van, Baker said. "He had clothing and a TV in there." He also had food and his dog, he said.

Popenfoose had been doing chores around the property for the homeowners for over a year, although he had only been living at the site for a short time, Baker said.

Popenfoose had done work for the homeowners on Saturday and was last seen by them between 4 and 4:30 p.m., Baker said. They came out at 11 a.m. to take him to a store to purchase a generator. "That's when they discovered him dead."

The dog was still alive at the scene, but a three-hour effort to resuscitate the animal was unsuccessful and it had to be put to sleep, Jennifer Getts of the Noble County Humane Society said.

Popenfoose was found laying prone in the cargo compartment of the van, Baker said. The dog was next to the left front door and floorboard.

Gaff said there is always a danger in burning a combustible fuel in an enclosed space such as a vehicle.

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O.J. Gaerte

COLUMBIA CITY — O.J. Gaerte, 84, of Columbia City died at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Gaerte had retired as a lead man machine operator from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He and his wife, Virginia, were the owners of Gaerte Jonah Style Fish Fry catering business.

Mr. Gaerte was a member of the Tri-Lakes Lions Club, American Legion Post 98, Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906 and Loyal Order of the Moose, all of Columbia City, and the South Whitley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

He was a 1942 graduate of Wolf Lake High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946.

He was born Aug. 28, 1922, in Whitley County to Winfield and Elsie (Zumbrum) Gaerte. He married Virginia Trumbull in Knox on July 30, 1949. She died May 28, 1999.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Sandy Gaerte of Indianapolis, O.J. Jr. and Hiwanda Gaerte of Lebanon, Tenn., and Leslie and Marcy Gaerte and Ronald and Tina Gaerte, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Robert Wolfe of Phillips, Wis.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters, Olive Biddle, Lova Grate and Frieda McCoy; four brothers, Curtis, Orville, Dale and Jack Gaerte; and one grandson, Joe Gaerte.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Craig Myers of Blue River Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with a twilight memorial service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Tri-Lakes Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Marjorie Bonham

KENDALLVILLE — Marjorie I. Stephens Bonham 99, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Kathleen Earley

KENDALLVILLE — Kathleen J. Earley, 79, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Gordon Dohner

BROOKVILLE, Ohio — Gordon J. Dohner, 85, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, at his home in Brookville, Ohio.

Mr. Dohner was born Nov. 13, 1921, in Auburn to Harold and Dessie (Green) Dohner. He was a farmer and spent most of his life in Michigan.

Surviving are two daughters, Carol Zeigler of Butler and Brenda McGuire of Union, Mich.; two sons, Jerry Dohner of Butler and Don Dohner of Auburn; two sisters, Garland Blair of Hamilton and Mary Studer of Coldwater, Mich.; and a special friend, Betty Foster of Brookville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Cynthia Cassell; two brothers, Norman Dohner and Dick Dohner; and one sister, Patricia Richards.

There will be no calling. Burial will be at a later date.

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Marion Fleming

HOWE — Marion C. Fleming, 72, of Howe died at 10:47 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fleming

Mrs. Fleming had retired in 1968 from General Motors in Anderson.

She formerly attended the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe and the Methodist church in Middletown and was a member of Beta Sigma Pi.

She was born Aug. 7, 1934, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Russell and Juliana (Jasicki) Carroll. She married Calvin D. Fleming in 1968. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and James Stambaugh of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Melissa Fleming of New Mexico and Jeffery and Pamela Smith of Lebanon, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Lonnie and Kevin Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today and two hours prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Following services Saturday, she will be taken to Ballard & Sons Funeral Home in Middletown. Services there will be at 1 p.m. Monday, with calling from 2-5 p.m. Sunday and two hours prior to services Monday.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Middletown.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

LaMar Bascom

COLDWATER, Mich. — LaMar C. Bascom, 79, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thusday, Jan. 25, 2007, at home.

He was born Sept. 29, 1927, in Ovid Township, Mich. to Floyd C. and Leona (Paradine) Bascom. He married Marry Smith in 1953 in Angola.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Coldwater and the First Baptist Church of Coldwater. His interests included farm equipment, automobiles and going to county fairs.

Bascom was a graduate of Coldwater High School. He was a long time area farmer. He served with the Michigan National Guard in the mid-1940s. He was employed at Voltek in Coldwater, retiring after 15 years of service.

Mr. Bascom is survived by his wife, Mary; cousins Doris Hannon of Coldwater and Dr. Richard McMurray of Flint, Mich. His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater, with Paster David Anderson officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater. Visitation will be from noon to the beginning of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Branch County.

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Marjorie Bonham

AVILLA — Marjorie I. Stephens Bonham, 99, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had lived for seven years.

Mrs. Bonham

Mrs. Bonham was formerly of Kendallville and a graduate of Avilla High School and St. Francis College.

She began her teaching of elementary students at Hill School in Jefferson Township, Noble County, before she married. Later, she taught at Wawaka, Avilla, Rome City and North Side elementary schools before retiring in 1969.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1907, in Allen Township, Noble County, to Roscoe and Leslie (Forker) Graham.

She first married Orson N. Stephens on May 19, 1928. He preceded her in death on July 25, 1983.

She married Claude Bonham of Bradenton, Fla., on May 18, 1989. He died Nov. 25, 1991.

She is survived by two daughters and three sons-in-law, Shirley and Ted Spidel of Kendallville, Lois Mory and Malcolm Carmichael of Kendallville and Phil Conklin of Carmel; eight grandchildren and spouses, Gary and Debbie Spidel, Lynn and Deanna Spidel, Sue and Mark Norris, John and Christine Mory, and Melinda Mory, all of Kendallville, Colette and Larry Myers of Durham, N.C., Brenda and Don Bechtel of Midlothian, Va., and Kerry and Suzan Conklin of Indianapolis; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Glands Duve Thomas of St. Petersburg, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Conklin, on Oct. 15, 1967; a son-in-law, Robert Mory, on May 17, 1988; and one sister, Dorothy Sayles, on Oct. 29, 1991.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla with Mr. Thomas Novy officiating. Burial will at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. today at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Castketbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Karl Gilmore

HUNTERTOWN — Karl E. Gilmore, 83, of Huntertown died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Gilmore worked at Dana Corp. for 42 years and served in the U.S. Army. He was born Jan. 5, 1924, in Missouri.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Mabel Smith Gilmore; a son, James Gilmore of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Karole Bednarczyk of Garrett, Michelle Gilmore of San Diego and Lori Winebrenner of Avilla; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Marion Fleming

HOWE — Marion C. Fleming, 72, of Howe died at 10:47 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fleming

Mrs. Fleming had retired in 1968 from General Motors in Anderson.

She formerly attended the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe and the Methodist church in Middletown and was a member of Beta Sigma Pi.

She was born Aug. 7, 1934, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Russell and Juliana (Jasicki) Carroll. She married Calvin D. Fleming in 1968. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and James Stambaugh of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Melissa Fleming of New Mexico and Jeffery and Pamela Smith of Lebanon, Mo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Verlin Mckee of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Lonnie and Kevin Smith.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be two hours prior to services today at the funeral home.

Following services today, she will be taken to Ballard & Sons Funeral Home in Middletown. Services there will be at 1 p.m. Monday, with calling from 2-5 p.m. Sunday and two hours prior to services Monday.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Middletown.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Kathleen Earley

KENDALLVILLE — Kathleen J. Earley, 79, of Kendallville died at 11:35 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Earley

She was a lifetime area resident, moving back to Kendallville from Rushville in 1965.

She received a bachelor of arts and a master of arts degree from Ball State University. She played the violin for four years with the Ball State Symphony Orchestra and also played with the Muncie Symphony, both in Muncie.

Mrs. Earley enjoyed being with people, especially children. She was a business teacher and retired from East Noble High School after 19 years. Prior to retirement, she taught seven years at Muncie Central and assisted her sister at The Toggery Men's Wear Store in Kendallville.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and was active in the church's Lydia Circle. She also held memberships in Tri Kappa in Muncie and Rushville, Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority, American Association of University Women, Delta Kappa Gamma (Muncie), Indiana State Teachers Association and Noble County Community Concerts.

She was born June 1, 1927, on a farm in Wayne Township, Noble County, to Carl and Katherine (Weingart) Mabus. She loved the farm where she was born and enjoyed knowing the farm still remains in the same family after 150 years.

She married Ben Earley on Aug. 3, 1952. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg Earley of Fishers and Mike and Vicky Earley of Carmel; and three grandchildren, Ross, Evan and Liza Earley.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Avis Mabus, and one daughter-in-law.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday and also before the services from 9-10 a.m. Monday.

Memorials are to Kathleen Earley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Diana-Eileen Renfrow

BUTLER — Diana-Eileen Cameron Renfrow was stillborn Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are her parents, Darrell D. Renfrow Jr. and Leola (Christian) Renfrow of Butler; maternal grandparents Leola Diana Burnett and James Butler Burnett of South Carolina; paternal grandparents Darrell Renfrow Sr. and Louise Eileen Renfrow of Auburn; and siblings Nathaniel, Forrest, Coy and Cyrus Renfrow and Chelsea, Jessica and Michaela Floyd, all of Butler.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

George Guthrie

INDIANAPOLIS — George Lynn Guthrie, 75, of Indianapolis died at 3:20 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

Mr. Guthrie was retired after 26 years serving in the U.S. Air Force, and was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was born on Aug. 17, 1931, in Ligonier to Clarence Dale and Mable (Addis) Guthrie.

He married Ruth (Leiberman) in England 53 years ago. She survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul Aaron Guthrie of Pendleton and Nathan Dale Guthrie of Saline, Mich.; one sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Jim McCoy of Albion; two brothers, Albert Duane Guthrie of Albion and Jack Arthur Guthrie of Kendallville; and one granddaughter, Maya Catherine Guthrie.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military graveside honors performed by the Grissom Air Force Military Honors Team.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, and also one hour prior to the services at the funeral home on Monday.

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Honaker 'Granny' to all who knew her

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Anna "Granny" Honaker, right, is shown with her son, Keith Honaker and daughter, Barbara Barnes.

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WOLCOTTVILLE — Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

Anna Florence “Granny” Honaker of Wolcottville worked hard for over 75 years, right up until the age of 92, and gave her all at every job she ever worked at, according to her friend and former co-worker, Faye Silver of Stroh.

“She was always such a hard worker, and we always had fun when we worked together,” Silver remembers.

Anna Honaker died Jan. 13 at her home in Wolcottville. She was 96.

“My philosophy is to start each day with a soft, kind word, a smile on your lips, and a twinkle in your eye, and God will do the rest,” Anna told a reporter in 2000.

Anna began working at the young age of 10 at a boarding house in Kentucky, where she helped manage the kitchen and cook for the railroad workers who frequented the restaurant. Among the workers who showed up every morning for a healthy helping of Anna’s delicious biscuits and gravy were her uncles, Bob Oakley and Newt Williams, her father, Floyd Lewis, and her future father-in-law, Ernest Honaker. All worked on the railroad.

Anna used to tell people that’s when she developed her work ethic. She was one of eight children born to Floyd and Martha (Ratliff) Lewis, and all had various chores they were responsible for from the time they could walk, Anna said during the interview in 2000.

She married Roy Honaker on June 26, 1926, and the couple moved to Indiana. Anna was 16.

The only time Anna’s outside work schedule came to a halt was during the years when she had four children, Keith, Barbara, Robert and James.

Once her youngest was in school, Anna returned to the workforce. She worked at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville during World War Ii and stayed there about six years.

She worked picking up potatoes at Wibles’ farm, packing them into crates and hoisting them onto wagons.

She then went to work for Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich., staying there and retiring after 29 1/2 years.

But her son, Keith Honaker of Wolcottville, remembers she couldn’t fully retire.

She went to work at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange as a nurses' aide for approximately three years and then worked in the meat department at the Wolcottville IGA from 1981 to 2002, when she permanently retired.

When her grandchildren came into the grocery store, they would yell, “Hello, Granny!” and soon her co-workers and members of the community were doing the same. She became “granny” to everyone who knew her.

She was well-known for slipping quarters into the hands of grandchildren as well as the children of shoppers, who knew that the quarter always came with a grandmotherly hug.

Anna’s two surviving children, Keith Honaker and Barbara Barnes, also of Wolcottville, remember that after their father died in 1981, Anna had to buy a new car.

“She had always wanted a Cadillac,” Keith Honaker said. “She went to a dealership and bought the best one they had, a big, blue Cadillac.”

Barnes, who has the same petite, 5-foot, slight build that her mother had, laughs with her brother when they recall that Anna would drive the car down the streets of Wolcottville and neighboring communities and no one could see her head over the steering wheel.

“They’d see that blue Cadillac coming and say, ‘Here comes Granny,’” Keith Honaker said.

Anna’s bosses, as well as her co-workers, enjoyed working when Anna was on the schedule. She could always be counted on to fill in for someone who was sick or wanted the day off, Keith Honaker said.

Anna worked so hard that once she was inadvertently locked in at the IGA store and had to call the police to come and let her out, Barnes said.

“She knew everyone in the area,” said Keith Honaker. “She was still pretty sharp when she died, but after she quit working at the age of 92, she wasn’t the same. She went downhill once she did not have to report to work. She enjoyed it that much.”

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Lynn Bender

BUTLER — Lynn O. Bender, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Bender was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Butler. He worked as a supervisor at Holsum Bakery for more than 30 years, retiring in 1993. He was a scale master at Irving Gravel for nine years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from 1943-46, and was a member of American Legion Post 202 in Butler. He loved gardening and antiques.

Surviving are his wife, Vicki L. Bender of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Colynn and Sue Bender of Spencerville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mandy and Brian Capp of Butler and Joy and Jeremiah Parker of Auburn; two sisters, Marie Hug of Edon, Ohio and Glenna Davis of Georgia; seven grandchildren, Erik Bender of Spencerville, Abagail Capp, Madison Capp and Logan Capp, all of Butler; Jeremy Vakerics of North Carolina, Andrew Poffenberger of Fort Wayne and Jackson Parker of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline Maxine Bender, in 1993; his parents, Olan and Edith (Little) Bender; and a sister, Irene.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eli Sweigart

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli H. Sweigart, infant boy, died Jan. 24, 2007.

He is survived by his parents, Lee and Christine Sweigart of Indianapolis; paternal grandparents, David and Jean Sweigart of Jimmerson Lake; maternal grandparents, Martin and Janine Erlenbaugh of Clear Lake, Indianapolis, Jack and Julie McDonald of New Castle, and Patrick and Susan Stack of Methuen, Mass.; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Leppert Mortuary & Crematory Services, Indianapolis.

Louise Rex

LIGONIER — Louise Berry Janes Rex, 83, of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse.

Roger R. Ranney

KENDALLVILLE — Roger R. Ranney, 60, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at David Funeral Home in Kendallville.

David E. Lawrence

ADAMS LAKE — David E. Lawrence, 42, of Adams Lake, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He worked with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in its Emerald Ash Borer Eradication Program.

A graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, he loved the outdoors and his great passion for the natural world helped him develop a unique knowledge of Indiana's animal life.

Living at Adams Lake gave him many opportunities to interact with the world he felt so close to.

Surviving are his mother, Iris Lawrence of Fort Wayne; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and Carl Hoffman, Anne and Max Tinkel, Linda and Rusty Summers, Beth and Dave Clendenen, all of Fort Wayne, and Sue and Jim Burns of Adams Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Lawrence.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Tom Shoemaker officiating with calling one hour prior to the service.

Calling will also take place Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Memorials are to Adams Lake Conservation Club or Masses.

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Erna A. King

AVILLA — Erna A. King, 90, of Avilla and formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

King owned and operated her own business, King Interior/Exterior Decorating for 40 years, retiring in 1986.

She was born April 9, 1916, in Noble County to Frederick R. and Emma (Baden) Rathge. They are both deceased.

On Jan. 30, 1933, she married Alex L. King in Albion. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. King

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Auburn.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, William G. and Pat King of Auburn, Robert W. King of Rome City, and Randal A. and Pam King of Waterloo; three daughters, Shirley A. Douglas of Eutus, Fla., Rebecca L. Robinson of Auburn, and Linda M. "Lynne" Bireley of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Richard King; six brothers, William, Frederick, Arthur, Herman, Alvin and Henry Rathge; three sisters, Sylvia Snyder, Hilda H. Hickman, and Mildred K. Fasnaugh; and two grandchildren, Kris Douglas and Joey Robinson.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn with Ray Carter and Rev John Napier officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to Grace Baptist Church, 105 South Dewey Street, Auburn, IN, 46706.

Lucile Newlin

AUBURN — Lucile Johnston Newlin, 91, of Auburn, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was the co-owner of Johnston Ceramic Studio in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 1, 1915, in Fort Wayne to Ernest and Amanda (Warstler) Frankfather.

She was married three times to Harry Johnston, Ed Matson, and John Newlin. They all preceded her in death.

A graduate from South Side High School in Fort Wayne, she was a member of the Indiana Village Church of God in Auburn and the Chicago Art Institute. She was a winner of the State Art Contest.

Surviving are a daughter, Annette (Dean) Woodard of Auburn; a daughter in law, Virginia Johnston of Traverse City, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Barry Johnston of Traverse City, Mich., Cheryl Blish and Michael Johnston, both of Rockford, Mich., Karen Hovey of Grand Rapids, Mich, Teri Young of Elkhart, Brian Johnston of Maple City, Mich, and Tracey Woodard of Butler; 16 great grandchildren; and 7 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her three husbands; a son, Richard Lee Johnston; two brothers, Victor and Paul Frankfather; a sister, Evelyn Mae Hoggatt; and a great-grandson, Zachary Johnston.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at St. Joseph Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Activity Department of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

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Paul Sible

AVILLA — Paul E. Sible, 80, of Avilla died Sunday morning, Jan. 28, 2007, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville.

Mr. Sible

Mr. Sible worked for Zollner Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1992, and belonged to Zollner's Quarter Century Club

He was a U.S Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, the Kendallville post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He had lived in Avilla for 57 years

Mr. Sible enjoyed gardening and watching sports.

He was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Eel River Township in Allen County to Dewey and Helen (Akers) Sible.

On June 11, 1949, he married Brunetta Teders at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Tom and Nancy Sible of Kendallville, Dan and Jennifer Sible of Avilla, Mark Sible of Avilla and David and Joni Sible of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Keith Gillian of Rome City; a sister, Lois Phares of Elkhart; five grandchildren, Sarah and Todd Gillian, Darren Sible, Jordan Sible and Bret Sible; one stepgranddaughter, Amanda McCormick; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Andrew and Abigail.

His parents and a sister, Phyllis Malcolm, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church of Avilla. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at Avilla, with military graveside services.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School or Masses.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include a photograph.*

Lynn Bender

BUTLER — Lynn O. Bender, 81, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Bender

Mr. Bender was born Jan. 16, 1926, in Butler. He worked as a supervisor at Holsum Bakery for more than 30 years, retiring in 1993. He was a scale master at Irving Gravel for nine years.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from 1943-46, and was a member of American Legion Post 202 in Butler. He loved gardening and antiques.

Surviving are his wife, Vicki L. Bender of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Colynn and Sue Bender of Spencerville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mandy and Brian Capp of Butler and Joy and Jeremiah Parker of Auburn; two sisters, Marie Hug of Edon, Ohio and Glenna Davis of Georgia; seven grandchildren, Erik Bender of Spencerville, Abagail Capp, Madison Capp and Logan Capp, all of Butler; Jeremy Vakerics of North Carolina, Andrew Poffenberger of Fort Wayne and Jackson Parker of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline Maxine Bender, in 1993; his parents, Olan and Edith (Little) Bender; and a sister, Irene.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Louise Rex

LIGONIER — Louise Berry Janes Rex, 83, of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Rex

Mrs. Rex moved to Ligonier as a young girl and graduated from Ligonier High School in 1941. She attended the University of Wisconsin and St. Mary's in South Bend but did not receive her degree until after her children were in school when she graduated summa cum laude from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne in 1963.

She taught fourth grade at Ligonier Elementary School and then taught high school French and 12th grade English at West Noble High School. She served as chairwoman of the English department until her retirement.

Mrs. Rex was a devoted Christian and attended the Episcopal church, first in Goshen and later at Lake Wawasee.

She was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Chicago to Harold and Louise Janes.

Surviving are four children and their spouses, Michael and Andrea Rex of Boston, Mass., Cynthia Rex of Bloomington, Jennifer and Bob Anderson of Fort Wayne and Douglas and Leslie Rex of Carmel; a sister, Marge of San Mateo, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Mary Janes; six grandchildren, Nathan and Caitlin Rex, Abby Cunningham, and Emilie, Grace and Kevin Rex; three stepgrandchildren, Lindsay, Megan and Russell Van Natta; a nephew, Tom Janes of Ligonier; and a niece, Lisa Janes of Lake Wawasee; and her many West Noble students.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, Ligonier, with Father Henry G. Randolph officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Louise J. Rex Scholarship Fund.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Rev. Paul Garner

FRANKFORT — Rev. Paul W. Garner, 88, of Frankfort died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at Wesley Manor in Frankfort.

The Rev. Garner retired as a Methodist minister after more than 43 years of service.

He was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Fulton County to Virgil and Edith May Garner. He married Mary Katherine Smith on Sept. 4, 1937, in Collins. She died Feb. 11, 1971. He then married Irene O. Daniels on April 18, 1971, in Lafayette. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Carroll Fritz of Goshen; a stepson, Jerry Daniels of Florida; a brother, Charles Garner of Syracuse; two sisters, Marjorie Zeller of Rochester and Doris Craigo of Middlebury; nine grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Taylor; and a brother, Gerald Garner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wesley Manor's Amanda Reid Chapel. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be after 10 a.m. Wednesday at Wesley Manor.

Memorials are to Wesley Manor Good Samaritan Fund, 1555 N. Main St., Frankfort, IN 46041.

Archer-Weston Funeral Home in Frankfort is in charge of arrangements.

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Frances Park

FORT WAYNE — Frances M. (Musser-Crain) Park, 90, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007.

Mrs. Park had worked for the Wesleyan Kiddie College for 13 years where she was known as "Grandma."

A native of Hamilton, Mrs. Park was a member of Spring Street Wesleyan Church and Gold Star Mothers.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, music and flowers.

Survivors include four daughters and two sons-in-law, Joyce and Charles Kohler of Port Orange, Fla., Marcella Kensill and Judy Pitser, both of Fort Wayne, and Ruth and Harold Chester of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Curtis and Sharon Park and Darell and Gloria Park both of Fort Wayne; 22 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith A.; a son, Irving; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Service were at 1 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home with the Rev. Larry Maddox officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Gideons or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Roger Ranney

KENDALLVILLE — Roger R. Ranney, 60, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Ranney had been employed at Drive Sol in Kendallville.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Ranney was a member of American Legion Post 86 and Francis Vinyard VFW Post, both in Kendallville.

He was born June 26, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Madonna (Theurer) Ranney. They are deceased.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald R. Sr. and Marilyn Ranney of Sturgis, Mich., and Richard R. and Janet Ranney of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Charlynn and Gerry Rushton of Orlando, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles G. Ranney Jr., and a sister, Dixie K. Jordan.

There will be no services or calling.

David Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.davidfuneralhome.net.

Richard Ross

AVILLA — Richard D. Ross, 73, of Avilla died at 2:10 a.m. today, Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at his home following a short illness.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Elton Greenawalt

FREMONT — Elton Joseph Greenawalt, 81, of Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Angola.

Mr. Greenawalt was born in Steuben County on April 28, 1925.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Online condolences can be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

James Hovarter

KENDALLVILLE — James E. Hovarter of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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James Lutter

LAOTTO — LaOtto businessman James E. Lutter, 73, died unexpectedly at 4:20 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had submitted to routine surgery earlier in the week.

Mr. Lutter

Mr. Lutter was co-owner of LaOtto Farm Supply since 1972 and remained active in the family business. He was also engaged in farming in Swan Township.

Mr. Lutter moved to the LaOtto area as a child and graduated from Huntertown High School.

He served in the U.S. Army and had been employed at J.I. Case in Churubusco at one time.

Mr. Lutter was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto. He was also a member of Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM.

He had served on the LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department for many years and had been a 4-H leader in Swan Township for 24 years.

Mr. Lutter enjoyed hunting and had taken extended hunting trips to the western United States and to Africa.

He was born March 2, 1933, in Starke County to Wilhelm Fredrick and Fredonna (Yarian) Lutter. He married Beverly Rhodes on Oct. 5, 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Diane Lutter and Dexter and Cindy Lutter, all of LaOtto; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Clarence Lutter and Ralph and Lois Lutter, all of LaOtto, Bill and Della Lutter of Huntertown, and Bob and Sharon Lutter of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Renee and Chae Dolsen, Ryan Lutter, Kelly and Jason Noble, Jamie and Corey Bailey, Becky and Jake Robinson, Sterling Lutter, Jeremy and Jen Lutter and Jason and Amanda Lutter; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Gwendoline E. "Gwen" Liggett, on July 16, 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Sue Socha of Emmanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery north of LaOtto with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday. Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to Swan Township 4-H or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ballard Martin

LAGRANGE — Ballard Martin, 77, of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Martin had moved to the area in 1965 from Drift, Ky.

He retired from Harris-Kayot Manufacturing in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Martin was a member of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

He was born Jan. 31, 1929, in Drift to Crit and Zellie (Martin) Martin. He married Geraldine (Johnson) Coston on Oct. 13, 2000, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Pamela Keene of Ashland, Ohio; a son, Sammy Martin of Sturgis, Mich.; a stepson, Dwayne Johnson of LaGrange; two stepdaughters, Martha Rowe of Sturgis and Becky Reynolds of Rome City; two brothers, Raymond Martin of Drift and Ralph Martin of Garrett, Ky.; three sisters, Bessie Butler of Martin, Ky., Cassie Friend of McDowell, Ky., and Tiny McKinnie of Lexington, Ky.; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, A.C. Martin; a sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Sam Sawyer officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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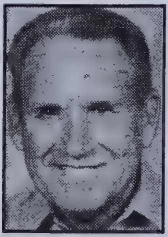
James Hovarter

KENDALLVILLE — James Hovarter, 76, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at his home with his family by his side.


Mr. Hovarter

Mr. Hovarter was an accomplished dairy and crop farmer and loved telling stories of farming with horses and about the Depression. He and his brother, Jack, were partners in Hovarter Farms.

He played a major role in the introduction of no-till farming to Noble County in the 1970s. His passion for farming earned him the Conservation Farmer of the Year award in 1981 and Soil Conservation Farmer of the Year award in 1983.

Mr. Hovarter retired from farming in 1990 and spent his time traveling with his wife and working part-time at Colwell General in Kendallville.

Mr. Hovarter had served on the Noble County REMC Board of Directors and Farmers Mutual Insurance Board of Directors. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and the National Farmers Association.

He was a devout Christian and devoted member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church where he served on the church council for several years and also as the Sunday school treasurer. He and his wife helped sponsor the Youth Luther League.

Mr. Hovarter enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and gardening. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as his many friends.

He was born at his parents' home at Indian Lake in DeKalb County on Nov. 18, 1930, to Warren E. and Cora (Beckberger) Hovarter. He attended Fairfield School and in the 1940s moved with his family to Noble County. He married his high school sweetheart, Joan Rose Barkey, on July 14, 1951, at Helmer United Methodist Church. She preceded his death April 21, 2006.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Debra Clark of Kendallville and Deborah and Dan Harper of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Shelia Hovarter of Kendallville; a sister, Beatrice Davis of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Jack Hovarter; a sister, Betty Easterday; and two half brothers, Virgil and Donald Getts.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County. Pallbearers will be Josh Hovarter, Jason Hovarter, Brandon Harper, Mike Weigold, Tyson Wallace and Brian Brennan.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour before the service Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Alice Dirig

LAGRANGE — Alice L. Schuhler Dirig, 85, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Dirig was born March 28, 1921, in Decatur to Joseph and Eva (Webb) Faurote. She was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Church in rural Hudson.

Surviving are two sons, Michael and Bob Schuhler, both of LaGrange; two daughters, Sandy Cranfill of Hudson and Roseann Lower of LaGrange; five sisters, Sharon Fry, Joan Carmean, Ruth Rulka, Mary Bean and Frances Valenti; two brothers, Joseph and Ernest Faurote; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Schuhler, in 1973; her second husband, Norb Dirig, in 2000; a daughter, Judy Galloway, in 2004; and two brothers, Walter and Charles Faurote.

Services will be at 10:50 a.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Calling will be Thursday from 10 to 10:50 a.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

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Richard Ross

AVILLA — Richard D. Ross, 73, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at his home following an 11-month battle with cancer caused by exposure to asbestos.

Mr. Ross

Mr. Ross had been employed with IBEW Local 305 out of Fort Wayne from 1952 until his retirement in 1995.

A lifetime Avilla resident, he was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla where he had served in many positions and recently had been a trustee.

He was an active member of Avilla Masonic Lodge No. 460 F&AM where had served in many chairs and was a Past Master and a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240. He was a former member of the Shrine and Eastern Star.

Mr. Ross was a 1952 graduate of Avilla High School and had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He loved spending time with his family and friends, traveling and his activities with his church and the Masonic Lodge.

He was born Feb. 19, 1933, in Avilla to Paul "Whitey" and June (Bassett) Ross. He married Margaret Cleland on Sept. 29, 1953, at the EUB Church in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Ross and Rick Ross, both of LaOtto, and Terry and Candi Ross of Churubusco; two sisters, Sandra Billman of New Haven and Natalie Ross of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Tracee Ross, Julie Dafforn, Kelli Kirchner, Adam Ross, Brooke Bentley, Katie Stidham, Chad Ross and Jenna Ross; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery with military rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Services by Avilla Masonic Lodge 460 F&AM will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Kevin Hosek

RAY — Kevin William Hosek, 44, of Ray died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at home.

Mr. Hosek was born Dec. 29, 1962, in Angola to David and Gloria (Carpenter) Hosek. He was a machine operation at Eagle Picher in Hamilton.

He was a 1982 graduate of Quincy High School in Quincy, Mich. He enjoyed snowmobile riding and working on cars.

Surviving are a son, Brandon Matthew Hosek of Ray; his parents in Montgomery, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Dean Eagleson of LaGrange; a companion and her daughter, Rosetta Sue Cobb and Brittany Mae Cobb, both of Ray; and two nephews, Kyle and Kent Eagleson of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William and Dorothy (Priest) Hosek and Arthur and Mabel (Hart) Carpenter.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Brett Boyd officiating. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Burial will be in California Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice Noble Branch, Fort Wayne, or to Brandon Hosek in care of Beams Funeral Home, P.O. Box 5, Fremont, IN 46737.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Elton Greenawalt

FREMONT — Elton Joseph Greenawalt, 81, of Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Greenawalt

Mr. Greenawalt was born April 28, 1925, in Steuben County to Eyman and Beulah (Gary) Greenawalt. He was married to Violet N. Forrester on Dec. 31, 1950, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 22, 2006.

He was retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, where he had worked as a set-up man. He was a graduate of Fremont High School and a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post No. 257. He attended Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. His hobbies included hunting and fishing, and he enjoyed being outdoors.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Tim Seiler of Bronson, Mich., and Jill and Charles Collins of Angola; three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Linda Greenawalt of Reno, Nev., Scott Greenawalt of Tulsa, Okla., and Kevin and Donna Greenawalt of Rapid City, S.D.; a sister, Cora Lee Lane of Reading, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Merlyn Greenawalt of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, June Greenawalt.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Ray, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Post No. 257.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

The family of

Alice J. Egolf

would like to thank all of our family and friends for your expressions of sympathy during the loss of our loved one. Your cards, flowers, food, prayers, donations and kind words meant so much in our time of sorrow. We will always remember your kindness.A special thank you to Dr. Thomas Mason, DeKalb Hospice, Pastor Becky Brault, The Hudson United Methodist Church for the luncheon and Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson.

Harold M. Egolf
Kent and Sharon Whan
and Phil Whan

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Kathleen Karst

LAOTTO — Kathleen R. "Kate" Karst, 82, formerly of LaOtto, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at 4:15 p.m. at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation in Fort Wayne.

A graduate of South Side High School in 1942, she was a bookkeeper for OmniSource and Boy Scouts of America and delivered the News-Sentinel newspaper in the LaOtto area for seven or eight years in her later years. She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 15, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Elvie and Martha (Wilkey) Neith. They preceded her in death.

She married J. Fred Karst on Nov. 15, 1943, in Fort Wayne. He died May 4, 2003.

Surviving are a son, Rick Karst of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Sandra Shortridge-Godshall of Dillsburg, Pa., Sharon Sydnor of Key Largo, Fla., and Kathy Karst of Dillsburg, Pa.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a sister, June Bufkin of Sarasota, Fla.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 3 pm. in the Huntertown United Methodist Church. Pastor Sherry Long and Pastor Dave Michaels will officiate.

Memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences are to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Susan Pettit

LIGONIER — Susan A. Pettit, 80, of Ligonier died at 11:57 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Hannah Beerman

Mrs. Beerman

FORT WAYNE — Hannah L. Beerman, 82, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Beerman was born Sept. 14, 1924, in Wells County. She had worked for General Electric during World War II, then after marrying and having a family she went to work at Bellmont Trucking Co., where she worked until retiring.

She enjoyed hats, flowers and her dogs. She was an avid bridge player, and was a member of her bridge club for 60 years.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul L. and Ann Beerman of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Paulana Beerman and Paulette "Peachie" and Jerry Rauner, all of Fort Wayne and Patty and Les Martz of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley (Jones) and Harry Bell of Bluffton; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Jerica, Garrett, Lindsey and Matthew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul H. Beerman; two sisters, Beulah (Jones) Farrell and Audrey Jones; and a half-brother, Casey Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Poe Williamsport Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Poe Volunteer Fire Department or New Hope United Methodist Church.

Curtis Herl

ANGOLA — Curtis Carlin Herl, 83, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale, Fla.

Mr. Herl farmed all his life. He was also retired from the Indiana Toll Road. He was a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Order of the Easter Star No. 229 in Ashley, Masonic Lodge No. 614 in Ashley, the Angola Moose Lodge and the York Rite Masonic Fraternity.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Betty; a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Sandy Herl of Lake Alfred, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cathie and Thomas Roach of Fort Wayne and Laurie Herl of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Jack Brown of Allen, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Geneva Arkwright of Angola; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 3365 S. Golden Lake Road, Pleasant Lake, IN 46779.

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Robert Martin

AUBURN — Robert Clinton Martin, 91, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007.

Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin served his country in World War II. He retired from Tokheim. He was involved with Full Gospel, National League of Prayer, Washington for Jesus, Bibles for Russia and Michigan City Jail Ministry. He collected clothes for the needy and was involved with many other ministries.

He was born May 26, 1915, in Adams County to Frank and Sarah (Arnold) Martin.

He married Nora Alice Wilson on Oct. 15, 1941. She died Sept. 12, 1985

He then married Martha McClish on Oct. 14, 1989, and she survives.

Also surviving are 24 nieces and nephews: Mary Lou Riney, Marshall, Mo.; Martin Lee White, Sunrise Beach, Mo.; Betty Joan Walters, Decatur; David Martin, Waterloo; Russell Martin, Orlando, Fla.; Steven Martin, Fort Wayne; Michael Martin, Fort Wayne; Marlene Griffis, Union City; Melody Tyler, Spencerville; Randall Martin, Auburn; Ardola Burkhart, Monroe; Ralph Parrish, Berne; Arlene Workinger, Monroe; Jerry Franz, Burleson, Texas; Jim Franz, Decatur; Dorothy Lynn, St. Marys, Ohio; Barbara Miller, Harlan; Sarah Ziegenfus, Allentown, Pa.; Elbert Schumm, Hamilton, Ohio; Robert Schumm, Rockford, Ohio; Jane Fisher, Rockford, Ohio; Herbert Schumm, Spencerville, Ohio; Cheryl Spirer, Monroeville, Pa; and Neil Martin, Muskegon, Mich.; four stepchildren, Rebecca Wisner, Auburn; Marianne Jenkins, Cincinnati, Ohio; Sally Barindale, Richmond; and James McClish, Nashville; 13 stepgrandchildren, 12 stepgreat grandchildren and seven stepgreat-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by eight brothers, six sisters, and a nephew, Paul Scheiderer, in addition to his parents and first wife.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Decatur Church of God, 1129 Mercer Ave., Decatur. Pastor Mike Cain will officiate. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 43.

Calling will be from 2-8 Friday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur, and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions are to Love Church in Fort Wayne or Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

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Alice Dirig

LAGRANGE — Alice L. Schuhler Dirig, 85, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Dirig was born March 28, 1921, in Decatur to Joseph and Eva (Webb) Faurote. She was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Church in rural Hudson.

Surviving are two sons, Michael and Bob Schuhler, both of LaGrange; two daughters, Sandy Cranfill of Hudson and Roseann Lower of LaGrange; five sisters, Sharon Fry, Joan Carmean, Ruth Rulka, Mary Bean and Frances Valenti; two brothers, Joseph and Ernest Faurote; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Schuhler, in 1973; her second husband, Norb Dirig, in 2000; a daughter, Judy Galloway, in 2004; and two brothers, Walter and Charles Faurote.

Services will be at 10:50 a.m. Thursday at Catholic Cemetery Chapel, Fort Wayne. Calling will be at the chapel Thursday from 10 to 10:50 a.m.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

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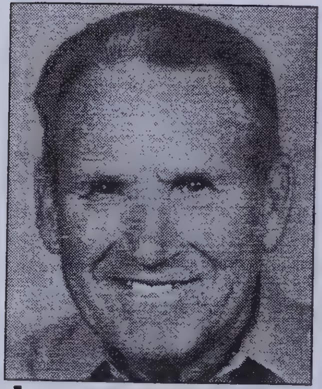

James Hovarter, 76

KENDALLVILLE - James Hovarter, age 76, died on Sunday evening at his home in Kendallville with his family by his side. Mr. Hovarter was born at his parent's home at Indian lake in DeKalb County on November 18, 1930 to Warren E. and Cora (Beckberger) Hovarter.

He attended Fairfield School and in the 1940's moved with his family to Noble County. He was proud of where he came from and loved telling the stories of farming with horses and about The Great Depression.

He was an accomplished dairy and crop farmer and in his early years he was able to solely support his parents and family.

He married his high school sweetheart, Joan Rose Barkey on July 14, 1951 at Helmer United Methodist Church. She preceded his death April 21, 2006.

Mr. Hovarter later acquired more farmland and began a partnership with his brother, Jack. Together they were successful in their enterprise at Hovarter Farms. He played a major role in the introduction of no till farming to Noble County in the 1970's. His Passion for farming earned him the award of Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1981 and Soil Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1983.

He was elected to the Noble County REMC Board of Directors and Farmer's Mutual Insurance Board of Directors and served several years. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau and the National Farmer's Association.

Mr. Hovarter retired from farming in 1990 and he spent his time traveling with his wife and working part-time at Colwell General in Kendallville. They later moved to Country Club Hills while his son helped maintain the farm.

He was a devoted member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church where he served in the church council for several years and also as the Sunday School Treasurer.

He and his wife helped sponsor the Youth Luther League.

He was a devout Christian, faithfully helping his church in many ways. Mr. Hovarter enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and gardening. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren as well as his many friends. .He will always be remembered for his compassionate care giving of his late wife during her illness and his gentle loving ways as a good husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include: 3 children; Debra Clark, Randy and Shelia Hovarter of Kendallville and Deborah and Dan Harper of Albion. 7 Grandchildren and 7 Great-grandchildren; 1 sister: Beatrice Davis of Kendallville.

Preceding him in death were his brother, Jack Hovarter; sister, Betty Easterday and two half brothers, Virgil and Donald Getts.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 31st from 3 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to the funeral at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 1st at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will take place at Fairfield Center Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Casketbearers will be: Josh Hovarter, Jason Hovarter, Brandon Harper, Mike Weigold, Tyson Wallace and Brian Brennan.

Memorials may be made to the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

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George (Lynn) Guthrie, 75

INDIANAPOLIS — George Lynn Guthrie, 75, of Indianapolis died at 3:20 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

Mr. Guthrie was retired after 27 years serving in the U.S. Air Force, and was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was born on Aug. 17, 1931, in Ligonier to Clarence Dale and Mable (Addis) Guthrie.

He married Ruth (Leiberman) in England 53 years ago. She survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul Aaron Guthrie of Pendleton and Nathan Dale Guthrie of Saline, Mich.; one sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Jim McCoy of Albion; two brothers, Albert Duane and Beverly Guthrie of Albion and Jack Arthur and Kathy Guthrie of Kendallville; one granddaughter, Maya Catherine Guthrie and one step-grandaughter Montana.

Services were held January 29, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Thomas Clothier officiated. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with military graveside honors performed by the Grissom Air Force Military Honors Team.

Memorials may be to Black Pine Animal Park.

Marjorie Bonham, 99

AVILLA — Marjorie I. Stephens Bonham, 99, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had lived for seven years.

Mrs. Bonham was formerly of Kendallville and a graduate of Avilla High School and St. Francis College.

She began her teaching of elementary students at Hill School in Jefferson Township, Noble County, before she married. Later, she taught at Wawaka, Avilla, Rome City and North Side Elementary Schools before retiring in 1969.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and the Indiana State Retired Teachers Association.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1907, in Allen Township, Noble County, to Roscoe and Leslie (Forker) Graham.

She first married Orson N. Stephens on May 19, 1928. He preceded her in death on July 25, 1983.

She married Claude Bonham of Bradenton, Fla., on May 18, 1989. He died Nov. 25, 1991.

She is survived by two daughters and three sons-in-law, Shirley and Ted Spidel of Kendallville, Lois Mory and Malcolm Carmichael of Kendallville and Phil Conklin of Carmel; eight grandchildren and spouses, Gary and Debbie Spidel, Lynn and Deanna Spidel, Sue and Mark Norris, John and Christine Mory, and Melinda Mory, all of Kendallville, Colette and Larry Myers of Durham, N.C., Brenda and Don Bechtel of Midlothian, Va., and Kerry and Suzan Conklin of Indianapolis; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and a sister, Glands Duve Thomas of St. Petersburg, Fla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Conklin, on Oct. 15, 1967; a son-in-law, Robert Mory, on May 17, 1988; and one sister, Dorothy Sayles, on Oct. 29, 1991.

Services were held January 27, 2007 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Officiated by Mr. Thomas Novy. Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Castketbearers were her grandsons and great-grandsons.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements made by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

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Richard Clayton Schoof, 29

AVILLA - Richard Clayton Schoof, age 29, died on Monday, January 22, 2007 in an automobile crash south of Antwerp, Ohio.

Mr. Schoof was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on November 7, 1977 to Rick A. and Imogene (Draper) Schoof.

Rick graduated from Dekalb High School in 1997 and Tri State University in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. He attended Tri State University on a track scholarship and was an excellent pole vaulter.

On September 1, 2001 he married Cynthia Leigh Thomson in Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

He was employed with W.A. Jones in Columbia City, Indiana, as a sales representative.

In the past, he had worked in the construction business for many years with Parrish Homes of Avilla and Winebrenner Construction of Auburn. Rick also owned his own construction company called R.S. Construction.

The most important thing to Rick was being a good father to his daughter, Gracie, and a husband to his wife, Cyndie.

His other passions in life were collecting and repairing '79 Ford Pickup Trucks and going muddin'.

He loved to deer and turkey hunt and played on a Fort Wayne softball league. He enjoyed playing golf and Texas Holdem' Poker.

Rick was also a member of the American Pool Association and played with a league in Garrett.

He was also a member of the Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity.

Survivors include: His wife, Cyndie Schoof of Avilla; Daughter, Gracie May Schoof of Avilla; Parents, Rick "Stick" and Imogene Schoof of Auburn, Father and mother-in-law, Greg and Cathey McNeal of Corunna, Father and mother-in-law, Bill and Elissa Thomson of Midland, Michigan; Sister, Brandy Smith of Auburn; Two nieces, Machaela and Shelby Smith of Auburn; Brother-in-law, Matthew McNeal of Corunna; Paternal grandmother, Ruth Schoof of Auburn; Maternal step grandmother, Lila Draper of Auburn; Maternal grandmother-in-law, Donna Wright of Kendallville. Maternal grandparents-in-law, Tom and Alice Thomson of Sun City West, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Eugene Schoof; maternal grandfather, Raymond Draper, Sr.; and maternal grandmother, Shirley Draper.

Funeral Services were Saturday, January 27, 2007 at First Christian Church, at the corner of Waits Road and St. Rd. Hwy 3 in Kendallville, Indiana.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier.

Burial was at Avilla Cemetery in Avilla, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to a college fund for Gracie May in care of Cyndie Schoof.

Casketbearers were Travis Maldeney, Jason Laughlin, Rick Frye, Jeremy Spidel, Jesse Robinson, Jason Robinson, and Chad Carper.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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O.J. Gaerte, 84

COLUMBIA CITY - O.J. Gaerte, 84, of Columbia City died at 12:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Gaerte had retired as a lead man machine operator from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He and his wife, Virginia, were the owners of Gaerte Jonah Style Fish Fry catering business.

Mr. Gaerte was a member of the Tri-Lakes Lions Club, American Legion Post 98, Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 1906 and Loyal Order of the Moose, all of Columbia City, and the South Whitley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

He was a 1942 graduate of Wolf Lake High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1946.

He was born Aug. 28, 1922, in Whitley County to Winfield and Elsie (Zumbrum) Gaerte. He married Virginia Trumbull in Knox on July 30, 1949. She died May 28, 1999.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Sandy Gaerte of Indianapolis, O.J. Jr. and Hiwanda Gaerte of Lebanon, Tenn., and Leslie and Marcy Gaerte and Ronald and Tina Gaerte, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Robert Wolfe of Phillips, Wis.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three sisters, Olive Biddle, Lova Grate and Frieda McCoy; four brothers, Curtis, Orville, Dale and Jack Gaerte; and one grandson, Joe Gaerte.

Services were held January 26, 2007 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Pastor Craig Myers of Blue River Church of the Brethren officiated. Burial took place in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to Tri-Lakes Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Paul Sible, 80

AVILLA - Paul E. Sible, 80, of Avilla died Sunday morning, Jan. 28, 2007, in the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room in Kendallville.

Mr. Sible worked for Zollner Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1992, and belonged to Zollner's Quarter Century Club

He was a U.S Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla, the Kendallville post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He had lived in Avilla for 57 years

Mr. Sible enjoyed gardening and watching sports.

He was born Sept. 16, 1926, in Eel River Township in Allen County to Dewey and Helen (Akers) Sible.

On June 11, 1949, he married Brunetta Teders at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Tom and Nancy Sible of Kendallville, Dan and Jennifer Sible of Avilla, Mark Sible of Avilla and David and Joni Sible of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Keith Gillian of Rome City; a sister, Lois Phares of Elkhart; five grandchildren, Sarah and Todd Gillian, Darren Sible, Jordan Sible and Bret Sible; one step-granddaughter, Amanda McCormick; and two step-great-grandchildren, Andrew and Abigail.

His parents and a sister, Phyllis Malcolm, preceded him in death.

Services were held January 31, 2007 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Avilla. Burial took place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla, with military graveside services.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School or Masses.

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Virginia Bordner, 81

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. - Virginia Mae (Browand) Bordner, 81, of North Charleston died at 8:48 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007, in South Carolina.

Mrs. Bordner was a homemaker.

She enjoyed reading and gardening.

Mrs. Bordner was a member of Seacoast Church Summerville.

She was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Kendallville to Albert Alfred and Elise LaVana (Kuhn) Browand. She married Leonard Lester "Bud" Bordner on Sept. 16, 1949, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He died May 13, 1973.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara A. Simpson of Albion and Diana L. Bordner of North Charleston; two sisters, Kathleen Campbell and Marge Browand, both of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Brian Bordner, David Bordner, Michael Bordner, Kristy Bordner, Chuck Bordner and his wife Tracey, Shawn Simpson and his wife Amanda, Jeffrey Simpson and his wife Sarah, Kelly Little and her fiance Justin, and Robert Lewis III; and three great-grandchildren, Lily Jones, Lucas Bordner and Aria Lewis.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Bernard L. Bordner; and two sisters, Evelyn Diehm and Lavana King.

Graveside services were January 26, 2007 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating.

Memorials are to Seacoast Church Summerville, 107 W. 6th North St., Summerville, S.C. 29483.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Erna A. King, 90

AVILLA — Erna A. King, 90, of Avilla and formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

King owned and operated her own business, King Interior/Exterior Decorating for 40 years, retiring in 1986.

She was born April 9, 1916, in Noble County to Frederick R. and Emma (Baden) Rathge. They are both deceased.

On Jan. 30, 1933, she married Alex L. King in Albion. He preceded her in death.

She was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Auburn.

She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, William G. and Pat King of Auburn, Robert W. King of Rome City, and Randal A. and Pam King of Waterloo; three daughters, Shirley A. Douglas of Eutus, Fla., Rebecca L. Robinson of Auburn, and Linda M. "Lynne" Bireley of Waterloo; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Richard King; six brothers, William, Frederick, Arthur, Herman, Alvin and Henry Rathge; three sisters, Sylvia Snyder, Hilda H. Hickman, and Mildred K. Fasnaugh; and two grandchildren, Kris Douglas and Joey Robinson.

Services were held January 30, 2007 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. Ray Carter and Rev. John Napier officiated.

Burial took place at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to Grace Baptist Church, 105 South Dewey Street, Auburn, IN, 46706.

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Richard Ross, 73

AVILLA - Richard D. Ross, 73 of Avilla died, Monday, January 29, 2007, at his residence after a courageous battle with asbestos cancer.

Mr. Ross was born February 19, 1933 to Paul "Whitey" and June (Bassett) Ross in Avilla. Both parents are deceased.

He graduated in 1952 from the Avilla High School. He married Margaret Cleland on September 29, 1953 at the EUB Church, now currently where the Masonic Lodge is located in Avilla. She survives.

Mr. Ross served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was a lifetime resident of Avilla and was employed with the IBEW Local 305 out of Ft. Wayne from 1952 until his retirement in 1995.

He was a member of the Calvary United Methodist church in Avilla where he held several offices, most recently a trustee.

He was a devoted member of the Avilla Masonic Lodge # 460 F & AM where he had numerous times gone through the chairs and was a Past Master of the Lodge. He was a member of the Avilla American Legion 240. He had also previously belonged to the Shrine and Eastern Star.

Mr. Ross loved his family, neighbors, friends, church and the Masonic Lodge and also enjoyed traveling.

Surviving along with his wife are 3 sons; Gary Ross of LaOtto, Terry and Candi Ross of Churubusco and Rick Ross of LaOtto; 8 grandchildren: Tracee Ross, Julie Dafforn, Kelli Kirchner, Adam Ross, Brooke Bentley, Katie Stidham, Chad Ross and Jenna Ross; 6 Great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Sandra Billman of New Haven and Natalie Ross of Ft. Wayne.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 31st at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Also one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

A special service will be conducted by the Avilla Masonic Lodge 460 F & AM at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Funeral services will take place on Thursday, February 1st at 2:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Burial will take place at the Avilla Cemetary with military graveside services conducted by Avilla American Legion Post # 240.

Memorials go to Calvary United Methodist Church or American Cancer Society.

Karl Gilmore, 83

HUNTERTOWN — Karl E. Gilmore, 83, of Huntertown died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Gilmore worked at Dana Corp. for 42 years and served in the U.S. Army. He was born Jan. 5, 1924, in Missouri.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Mabel Smith Gilmore; a son, James Gilmore of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Karole Bednarczyk of Garrett, Michelle Gilmore of San Diego and Lori Winebrenner of Avilla; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial took place in Huntertown Cemetery.

Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services handled arrangements.

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Jon Smith

FORT WAYNE — Jon Thomas Smith, 33, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis due to complications from surgery.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born Jan. 15, 1974, in DeKalb County. He worked for the past six years as an engineer for Norfolk Southern Railway. He was a 1992 graduate of Eastside High School and a 2006 graduate of Norfolk Southern Engineering School.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Sherry (Hunter) and Curt Harriman of Hamilton; his father and stepmother, Jerry and Cindy Smith of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Beth and Leo Yilmaz of Fort Wayne and Lana and Bill Ott of Wexford, Pa.; a nephew, Alex Ott of Wexford, Pa.; his girlfriend, Jamie Alfred of Fort Wayne; four stepsisters and three stepbrothers.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lyle and Yvonne Hunter and L.J. and Phyllis Smith, and an uncle, Ted Smith.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in care of Trenton Thomas, 9192 Waldemar Road, Indianapolis IN 46268.

Clara Yoder

LAGRANGE — Clara B. Yoder, 85, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Yoder had been a bookkeeper at Topeka Truck Line in Topeka and a comptometer operator in Chicago.

She was a homemaker and had lived in LaGrange County since 1948.

She was a graduate of Sturgis High School in Sturgis, Mich., and had attended comptometer school in Chicago.

Mrs. Yoder was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

She was born April 29, 1921, in Sturgis to Stuart and Alta (Toby) Mercer. She married Don Wayne Yoder on Oct. 11, 1948, in Chicago. He died Feb. 20, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Rodney Scott of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Teresa Yoder of Coldwater, Mich.; a sister, Marian "Billie" Mercer; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane Yoder in 1949.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Rumsey

LAGRANGE — Shirley D. Rumsey, 61, of LaGrange died at 11:22 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rumsey was a homemaker and had worked at Brighton Mushroom Farm.

She was born Dec. 16, 1945, to Ora and Francis (Hicks) Smith. They are deceased.

Surviving are a companion, Charles Childres of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Jody and Mary Rumsey of Bronson, Mich.; a daughter, Kristy Rumsey; four brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Reva Smith of Fort Wayne, Gerald and Sharon Smith of LaGrange, Glen and Mickey Smith of Sturgis, Mich., and Willard and Debbie Smith of Howe; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Angie and Roy Lang of Howe, Debbie and Tom Shalley of Elkhart, Stacey and Todd Moore of Wolcottville and Darlean and Jerry Kingery of Valparaiso; and 10 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Justynn.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor James Erwin of Bethel Gilead Church in Bronson, Mich., officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Helen Mefferd

KENDALLVILLE — Helen H. Mefferd, 100, of Kendallville died at 1:09 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Susan Pettit

LIGONIER — Susan Anne "Sue" Pettit, 80, died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at 11:57 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Pettit

Mrs. Pettit had been a patient there for the past three weeks after being diagnosed with colon cancer.

Mrs. Pettit moved to this area in 1950 from Columbus, Ohio. She and her husband owned and operated Pettit's Department Store and many other businesses in Ligonier for many years, including Pettit Property Management.

Mrs. Pettit was a graduate of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where she was an English major.

She was active in many community groups and causes. She was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church where she was a member of the choir for many years. She was also a member of the Study Club, the Women's Joanna Circle and Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

Mrs. Pettit served on the Ligonier Public Library board for six years, and worked at the polls during many elections.

She enjoyed reading, playing piano, knitting, crocheting, playing bridge and she was a lover of animals.

She was born on May 6, 1926, in Chicago to Walter and Helen (Barlow) Anderson. She married Clifford C. Pettit on Dec. 21, 1948, in Chicago, and he survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Beth Pettit and John and Betty Pettit, all of Goshen, and Dave and Deb Pettit of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Ray Hudson of Downers Grove, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, 407 S. Cavin St., with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Pallbearers will be Michael Pettit, Ryan Pettit, Patrick Bobay, Christopher Pettit, Andrew Stahl and Matthew Pettit. Honorary pallbearers will be Jennifer (Pettit) Stahl, and Kelly (Bobay) Syrek.

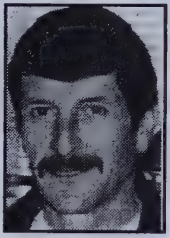
Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Ligonier Presbyterian Church, or the Care at Home Hospice Services, P.O. Box 723, Goshen, IN 46527.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

William Gonser Sr.

TOPEKA — William A. Gonser Sr., 66, of Topeka died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at his home.



Mr. Gonser

He was a lifetime area resident and had retired from Kraft Foods in Ligonier.

Mr. Gonser was a United States Army veteran.

He was born March 10, 1940, in Noble County to Willis and Gola (Greenawalt) Gonser.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Darien and Stephen Foster of LaGrange, Dee Ann and Steve Swick of Lexington, Ky., and Brandy and Tedd Baldwin of Frankfort, Ky.; two sons, Dustin Gonser of LaGrange and William Gonser Jr. of Neosho, Mo.; two brothers, Walter Gonser of LaGrange and Morse Gonser of Big Clifty, Ky.; a sister, Gloria Gonser of Sturgis, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Wayne, Robert and Dale Gonser; and a sister, Mary Louise Todd.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Donald Somers

HARTFORD CITY — Donald E. Somers, 78, of Hartford City died at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, in his home.

Mr. Somers had resided in Bluffton, Fort Wayne, Garrett, and Cadiz, Ky., before moving to Hartford City in 1995. A machinist, he retired from B.F. Goodrich at Woodburn on Jan. 1, 1991.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He had belonged to the Third Order of St. Francis at Waynedale and the Knights of Columbus at Garrett.

A 1946 graduate of Bluffton High School, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born April 16, 1928, in Decatur, the son of Darrell J. "Bud" and Naomi (DeBolt) Somers.

On July 30, 1950, he married Mary Jane Lambiotte in Hartford City. She survives

Also surviving are nine children and their spouses, Nancy Cocopardi, Joey and William O'Donnell, Julia and Matthew Rider, Martha and Harper Peck, Daniel Somers, Leo Somers, John and Susan Somers, Sarah and Troy Rayle and Suzanne Somers; his grandchildren and their spouses, Gregory Barry, Kenneth Barry, John Barry, Matthew O'Donnell, Eric Mead, Gail Melchi, Lauren and Shaun Bricker, Brian Peck, Erin and Jeremy Shock, Andrew Somers, Libby Herendeen, Abigail Somers, Jaron Somers, Emily Somers, Paul Rayle and Aaron Rayle; seven great-grandchildren, Julia Mead, Kelly Mead, Anthony Mead, Lee Melchi, Kayla Melchi, Lucy Mack Somers and David Bricker; and his brothers and sisters and their spouses, Rita and Joseph Stark, Jacqueline and David Craven, Robert and Janice Somers, David and Karen Somers and James and Shirley Somers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard O. Somers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 209 S. Spring St., Hartford City. The Rev. Robert Moran will officiate. Burial will be in the Hartford City Cemetery.

Calling will be at Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City, from 6-8 tonight and at the church from 9-9:30 a.m. Friday. A Christian wake service will begin at 7:30 tonight in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses.

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Leona Ruswinkle

WEST FARMINGTON, Ohio — Leona L. Ruswinkle, 72, of West Farmington and formerly of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at the home of her daughter in West Farmington.

Mrs. Ruswinkle had lived in LaGrange from 1960 until recently.

She enjoyed doing embroidery, collecting elephant figurines and watching old movies and loved her roses and other flowers.

She was born Jan. 8, 1935, in Greene, Ohio, to Floyd and Gladys (Beckwith) Slusher.

Her husband, William, died March 31, 2004.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Kelly Hall of West Farmington and LuAnn and Jim Andres of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Karen Ruswinkle of LaGrange; four grandchildren, Crystal, Jamie, Joshua and Bradley; four stepgrandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

Services were held Jan. 25 at Paine-Guerriero Funeral Home in Orwell, Ohio, with Pastor James Stanley of Orwell United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Brownwood Cemetery, North Bloomfield, Ohio.

Ella Pippenger

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Ella Mae Pippenger, 100, of Greenfield Township, Mich., died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at the Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Pippenger was born Dec. 25, 1906, in Branch County, Mich. to Rufus and Minnie Mae (Best) Royer. She married George Pippenger on Feb. 26, 1927, in Noble Township, Mich. He preceded her in death on April 2, 1980.

She was a farm wife all of her life and enjoyed flowers, gardening and cooking.

Surviving are a daughter, Martha Wilson of Orland; a son and daughter-in-law, Maurice and Louise Pippenger of Bronson, Mich.; a sister, Pearl Scripture of Orland; 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Shufelt; a brother, Frank Royer; and a granddaughter, Connie (Wilson) Bull.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Terry Siler officiating. Calling will be Friday from 9:30 a.m. until services.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Foundation, PO Box 660243, Indianapolis, IN 46266-0243.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
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Services are Saturday for Susan 'Sue' Pettit

LIGONIER — Susan Anne "Sue" Pettit, 80, died Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 11:57 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Pettit had been a patient there for the past three weeks after being diagnosed with colon cancer.

Mrs. Pettit

She was born on May 6, 1926 in Chicago, Illinois and moved to this area in 1950, coming from Columbus, Ohio. Her parents, now deceased, were Walter and Helen (Barlow) Anderson.

Mrs. Pettit married Clifford C. Pettit on Dec. 21, 1948 in Chicago, and he survives in Ligonier. They met in the Columbus area where he was attending The Ohio State University.

Other survivors include the couple's three sons and daughters-in-law: Steve and Beth Pettit of Goshen; Dave and Deb Pettit of Angola; and John and Betty Pettit, also of Goshen.

She had seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Ray Hudson of Downers Grove, Illinois.

Mrs. Pettit was a graduate of Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where she was an English major, and was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She, along with her husband, owned and operated Pettit's Department Store and many other businesses in Ligonier for many years, including Pettit Property Management.

Sue Pettit was active in many community groups and causes and contributed greatly to her community. She was a member of the Ligonier Presbyterian Church where she was a member of the choir for many years. She was a member of the Study Club and the Women's Joanna Circle. She also served on the Ligonier Public Library board for six years, and worked at the polls during many elections.

She enjoyed reading, playing piano, knitting and crocheting, playing bridge and she was a lover of animals.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. at Ligonier Presbyterian Church, 407 S. Cavin St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson, presiding.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. Pallbearers will be Michael Pettit, Ryan Pettit, Patrick Bobay, Andrew Stahl, Christopher Pettit and Matthew Pettit. Honorary pallbearers will be Jennifer (Pettit) Stahl, and Kelly (Bobay) Syrek.

Burial will take place in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Preferred memorials are to Ligonier Presbyterian Church, or Care at Home Hospice Services, P.O. Box 723, Goshen, IN 46527.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Louise Rex

LIGONIER — Louise Berry Janes Rex, 83, of Ligonier died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Rex

Mrs. Rex moved to Ligonier as a young girl and graduated from Ligonier High School in 1941. She attended the University of Wisconsin and St. Mary's in South Bend but did not receive her degree until after her children were in school when she graduated summa cum laude from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne in 1963.

She taught fourth grade at Ligonier Elementary School and then taught high school French and 12th grade English at West Noble High School. She served as chairwoman of the English department until her retirement.

Mrs. Rex was a devoted Christian and attended the Episcopal church, first in Goshen and later at Lake Wawasee.

She was born Oct. 21, 1923, in Chicago to Harold and Louise Janes.

Surviving are four children and their spouses, Michael and Andrea Rex of Boston, Mass., Cynthia Rex of Bloomington, Jennifer and Bob Anderson of Fort Wayne and Douglas and Leslie Rex of Carmel; a sister, Marj of San Mateo, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Mary Janes; six grandchildren, Nathan and Caitlin Rex, Abby Cunningham, and Emilie, Grace and Kevin Rex; three stepgrandchildren, Lindsay, Megan and Russell Van Natta; a nephew, Tom Janes of Ligonier; and a niece, Lisa Janes of Lake Wawasee; and her many West Noble students.

Services were Wednesday morning at Ligonier United Methodist Church, with Father Henry G. Randolph officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling was Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Louise J. Rex Scholarship Fund.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

The following obituary should have been printed in the January 25 edition of this newspaper but was inadvertently left out due to an editor's error. We apologize for the oversight.

Willie Ezra

LIGONIER — Willie E. Elza, 69, of rural Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Elza had moved to Ligonier in 1972 from Westmont, Ill.

He had retired in 1997 from Ligonier Foundry after 37 years of service.

Mr. Elza enjoyed bowling, fishing, hunting, horses and doing construction work.

He was born May 9, 1937, in London, Ky., to Raleigh and Ada Elza. His father is deceased and his mother survives in East Burnstat, Ky.

He married Carolyn Reeve in April 1958 and she survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Gene Elza of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Connie Elza of East Burnstat; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, his twin, Wilma Rohan of Claritan Hills, Ill., Irene and Bob Hagberg of Ligonier and Shirley Anna and James Durham of East Burnstat; and a grandson, Jesse Elza.

Services were Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

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Helen Mefferd

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Harriet Mefferd, 100, of Kendallville died at 1:09 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mefferd had moved to Kendallville in 1942 from Van Wert, Ohio.

She had owned and operated the Dinner Bell Restaurant on South Main Street in Kendallville from 1947 to 1952. She had also served as the director for the Area III Northeast Indiana Council on Aging nutrition site.

Mrs. Mefferd

Mrs. Mefferd was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and its Dorcas Circle. She was head of the church's local activities for more than 25 years, booking receptions and dinners for the fellowship hall and planning and buying food for the dinners and luncheons served at the church.

Her love of cooking led to her purchasing the restaurant. Other hobbie included watching basketball and other sports, especially the Olympic Games.

She played basktball for six years during her school career and her team won the championship the year she graduated.

Mrs. Mefferd had been a member of the McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the United Methodist Women, and a more than 50-year member of both Noble Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and Order of the White Shrine.

She was born Feb. 23, 1906, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Jonas and Elizabeth "Betty" (Goble) Reid. She married Gilbert Mefferd on Sept. 1, 1926, in Haviland, Ohio. He died Oct. 14, 1970.

Surviving are a daughter, Joanne Sibert of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Gerald L. and Doris Mefferd of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren, Stanley Sibert, Christy Burgei, Kent Sibert, Elizabeth Bliss, Bryan Mefferd, Chuck Howard, Patricia Bason, Sandra VanderHyden, Gerald Mefferd Jr., Victoria Wease, Toni Michand and Melinda Duehmig; 26 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Kay Mefferd in 1943; a son, Byron Wayne Mefferd on Sept. 16, 2006; four sisters; and a brother.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison and the Rev. Lynn Mefferd officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Arlene Lenz

COLBY, Wis. — Arlene D. Lenz, 63, of Colby died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at her home with her family at her side. Mrs. Lenz had been ill with cancer for several years.

Mrs. Lenz was born Dec. 19, 1943, in Iron Mountain, Mich., to Earl and Mary (Whaley) Bush.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Lenz enjoyed horseback riding, fishing, reading and gardening.

Mrs. Lenz

Surviving are her husband, Gerald Lenz; two sons; three daughters; three grandchildren; two sisters, Florence Glick of Kendallville and Mildred Weigand of Wausau, Wis.; nephews, Brian Glick of Angola, Randy Glick of Auburn, Gary Glick of Dripping Springs, Texas, and Tim Glick of Three Rivers, Mich.; and a niece, Deanne Davis of Fremont.

A memorial service was held Thursday at Peace Lutheran Church in Edgar, Wis.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church's ramp fund.

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Joanne Mollica

FORT WAYNE — Joanne M. Mollica, 74, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at her home from complications caused by multiple myeloma. She had been ill more than two and a half years.

Mrs. Mollica

She was born in Kendallville on June 24, 1932, to the late Carl E. Thomas and Irma M. (Urey) Thomas.

Mrs. Mollica was a graduate of International Business College and in addition to raising her two children, she held various secretarial positions within General Electric Co. and Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. and retired from Parkview Hospital in 1990 after 10 years of service.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Covenant and the Agape Sunday school class.

Mrs. Mollica enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, knitting afghans and making quilts for her family and her church missions.

She will be remembered by her family and friends for her faith, humor, strength and independence and the care she shared with others.

Surviving are her husband of almost 52 years, Richard Mollica; a son, Thomas R. Mollica of Knoxville, Tenn.; a daughter, Lisa K. Gibson of Fort Wayne; a brother, Paul E. Thomas of Waterloo; and three grandchildren, Kristin M. and Dustin J. Gibson and Sydney A. Mollica; and several nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, J. Dale Thomas.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at United Methodist Church of the Covenant, 10001 Coldwater Road, with the Rev. Harold Oechsle officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Chapel, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, Parkview Hospice or United Methodist Church of the Covenant.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct information about survivors.

Clara Yoder

LAGRANGE — Clara B. Yoder, 85, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Yoder had been a bookkeeper at Topeka Truck Line in Topeka and a comptometer operator in Chicago.

She was a homemaker and had lived in LaGrange County since 1948.

She was a graduate of Sturgis High School in Sturgis, Mich., and had attended comptometer school in Chicago.

Mrs. Yoder was a member of First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

She was born April 29, 1921, in Sturgis to Stuart and Alta (Toby) Mercer. She married Don Wayne Yoder on Oct. 11, 1948, in Chicago. He died Feb. 20, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Rodney Scott of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Teresa Yoder of Coldwater, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane Yoder in 1949; and a sister, Marian "Billie" Mercer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial was in Eden Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to correct information about survivors.

Shirley Rumsey

LAGRANGE — Shirley D. Rumsey, 61, of LaGrange died at 11:22 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rumsey was a homemaker and had worked at Brighton Mushroom Farm.

She was born Dec. 16, 1945, to Ora and Francis (Hicks) Smith. They are deceased.

Surviving are a companion, Charles Childers of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Jody and Mary Rumsey of Bronson, Mich.; a daughter, Kristy Rumsey; four brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Reva Smith of Fort Wayne, Gerald and Sharon Smith of LaGrange, Glen and Mickey Smith of Sturgis, Mich., and Willard and Debbie Smith of Howe; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Angie and Roy Lang of Howe, Debbie and Tom Shalley of Elkhart, Stacey and Todd Moore of Wolcottville and Darlean and Jerry Kingery of Valparaiso; and 10 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Justynn.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor James Erwin of Bethel Gilead Church in Bronson, Mich., officiating.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Avyce Roth

KENDALLVILLE — Avyce R. Roth of Kendallville died at 5:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Carol Nelson

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Nelson, 69, of Kendallville died today, Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dustin Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Dustin Smith, 27, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Avyce Roth

ALBION — Avyce R. Roth, 90, of Albion died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Roth

Mrs. Roth had worked as a librarian in Lima, Ohio, and worked as a bookkeeper for Central Allen Dairy in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and a life member of the Loyal Order of the Moose 1311 in Decatur. Mrs. Roth was also a member of the Albion Fraternal Order of the Eagles and a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Poe Fire Department. She also played organ and piano for the Poe United Methodist Church. She lived in Albion since 1965, moving from Poe.

She was born July 7, 1916, to Charles L. and Hazel (Hardman) Circle. They preceded her in death.

She married Lloyd Roth at Green Street Church of the Brethren on July 11, 1937. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Roth is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Mary L. Peterson of Albion and Janice and Ed Williams of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Debra Dellinger of Columbia City, Cindy Krauskopf of Fremont, Shelley Mawhorter of Albion, Robbie Tomlinson of Kendallville, Mark Williams of Harlan, Mike Williams of New Haven, and Bryan Peterson of Albion; three stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Bill Tomlinson; one sister, Esther Mettler; and a brother, Charles Circle Jr.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 605 East Main Street, Albion. The Rev. Austin Fergusson will officiate. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the Asbury United Methodist Church Music Department, the public library, and Shepherd of the Hill.

Dustin Smith

FORT WAYNE — Dustin Smith, 27, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born in Elkhart on March 21, 1979, to Timothy LeRoy and Marla S. (Yoder) Smith. He graduated from East Noble High School in 1997 and attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. He was employed with United Parcel Service of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith is survived by his parents, Marla S. Branstetter of Fort Wayne, and Tim L. Smith of Kendallville; his fiance, Autum Dusseau of Fort Wayne; two children, Kyle and Destiny Smith of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Tia and Matthew Tackett of Fort Wayne; a brother, Noah Smith of Kendallville; a nephew, Noah Tackett of Fort Wayne; and three grandparents, Charlotte Smith of Kendallville, Dorothy Yoder of Waterloo, and Amos T. Yoder of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Smith, and stepfather, Robert Branstetter.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Pastor Scott Pattison will officiate. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, The Travis Roy Foundation or to the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Carol Nelson

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Ann Nelson, 69, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Nelson graduated from Brazil High School in 1955 and moved to Kendallville in 1967. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and served on the Financial Committee and as treasurer for Women of St. John.

She was born in Brazil, Ind., on Sept. 29, 1937, to Harry C. and Wynema J. (Stewart) Haverkamp. They preceded her in death.

She married Allen R. Nelson on Sept. 15, 1956, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brazil. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Nelson is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Becky and Tom Vice of Avilla, Gina and Greg Sturgis of Kendallville, and Pam and Ed Meredith of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Josh Vice, Matthew Vice, Tyler Warn, Taryn Ward, Carrie Spencer and Zach Sturgis; two sisters and their husbands, Cris and Vic Berry of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Jan and Jim Dressler of Brazil, Ind.; three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel will officiate. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church.

Memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Chester Brown

KENDALLVILLE — Chester A. Brown, 86, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown farmed and was employed at Eaton Manufacturing Forge Shop in Battle Creek, Mich., and was also a truck driver. He attended Orland Schools and was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born June 8, 1920, in Jackson Township, Steuben County, to Harold D. and Velma (Riemke) Brown. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Brown married Beatrice C. Herlen on July 23, 1949, in Angola. She preceded him in death.

He was also preceded in death by one sister, Kathryn Foar, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Brown is survived by three daughters and their husbands, Sandra and Floyd Johns of Angola, Georgia and Rob Sherman of Kendallville, and Kathy and Bob Brown of Niles, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Billie Green of Montgomery, Mich.; one sister, Louise Stafford of Reading, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont. Pastor Dave Cole will officiate. Burial will be at East Gilead Cemetery in Bronson, Mich.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to East Gilead Missionary Church in Bronson, Mich. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Mary Bobay

FORT WAYNE — Mary A. Bobay, 91, of rural Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bobay

Mrs. Bobay spent her entire adult life in the Huntertown area. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, as well as a member of the church's Rosary Sodality.

She was born Payne, Ohio, to John E. and Rose C. (Schaefer) Ryan. They preceded her in death.

She married George F. Bobay on July 29, 1939, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Joseph Ryan, Bill Ryan, John Ryan and Paul Ryan; two brothers-in-law, Fred Schaefer and Wyonald "Onie" Hoot; and a sister-in-law, Jean Ryan.

She is survived by four children, Rose Marie Munson of Huntertown, John J. Bobay of Churubusco, Gerald "Jerry" Bobay of Fort Wayne, and Kathleen Paul of Churubusco; a brother, Edward Ryan of Huntertown; four sisters, Ruth Shaefer of Huntington, Margaret Hoot of Huntertown, Lioba Richardson and her spouse, Leland "Buck," of Fort Wayne, and Theresa Gabet and her husband, Charles, of New Haven; 23 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road. Father John Kuzmich will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and at 10 a.m. at the church. A vigil service will be held at 4:30 p.m. and the Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. at the mortuary. She will be interred at St. Vincent's Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Masses or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

George Tuttle

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — George Tuttle, 74, of Prescott, Ariz., died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Prescott enjoyed ballroom dancing.

He was born Oct. 4, 1932, in DeKalb County to Clair and Sadie Haynes Tuttle.

He married Rosalie Cech on Oct. 29, 1977. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters, Marilyn Cook of Auburn and Zephyrhills, Fla., and Carolyn Debes of Auburn; and a brother, Frank "Bud" Tuttle of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Theron and Chalmer.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

THE NEWS SUN
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Daughters remember caring mom

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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PLEASANT LAKE — Joanna Varner liked taking care of people.

When she got older and retired, she ended up going back to work — as a homemaker for the Steuben County Council on Aging.

“She’d shop for people, do housework,” said Joanna’s daughter, Valerie.

Another of Joanna’s daughters, Melanie, said her mother never really retired and would have kept going longer if she could have.

“She worked for the COA until she needed it herself,” she said.

Joanna died at her Pleasant Lake home on Dec. 16, 2006, as the result of a pulmonary embolism. She was 70.

Valerie said in the time Joanna was working for the COA, there were four or five people she helped out and got very close to.

“Some of the people she helped were younger than her, and that bothered her,” Melanie said.

Joanna also never got used to the fact that by nature of working with the elderly, some of them were going to pass away.

”She would be really hurt when she’d lose someone,” Valerie said.

Melanie said a word that described her mother was “generous.”

Valerie said she had a good sense of humor.

“She’d do anything for a photo,” Valerie said with a smile. “She’d put on cowboy boots ...”

“Or a wig or false eyelashes,” Melanie said.

Joanna worked at Dana-Weatherhead from 1966 until her retirement in 1994. She was born in Orland and graduated from Orland High School.

Joanna married William Varner in 1953. They had been married for 42 years when he died in February 1996.

“They worked so hard,” Melanie said of her parents.” They’d come home and they’d be so tired, but they’d still do things together ... they worked in the garden and they canned things.”

Melanie and Valerie both recalled that their mother had a great love and talent for sewing.

“She started sewing when she was little,” Valerie said. “She made of lot of her own clothes, and she made a lot of ours, too.”

Joanna loved dogs, and over the years had several Boston terriers. The last one she had was named Zsa.

“About a month before she died, I got a Boston puppy,” Valerie said, The puppy, christened Lulu, was a light in Joanna’s life.

“She was just so tickled that I’d gotten her,” Valerie said.

Canning was one of Joanna’s greatest talents. She canned everything from peaches and plums to her own spaghetti sauce and salsa and all kinds of pickles.

Melanie said she wished she had inherited her mother’s canning prowess, but she didn’t.

“My dad and I tried to make pickles once. I don’t know what we did, but it wasn’t right,” she said with a smile.

“Have you ever seen that episode of Andy Griffith, where they make all those pickles and have to throw them all away?”

Joanna’s work ethic stemmed from a long way back. She began working when she was 10 or 11, her daughters said, taking babysitting jobs. When she got a little older, she took a job as a soda jerk at a soda fountain in Orland her uncle owned.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Joanna Varner shares a lighthearted moment with her daughters.

A few years ago, Joanna was diagnosed with diabetes. She suffered from neuropathy, but even during her illness, she rarely complained. She wanted to keep going on as she always had.

“It was important to her to live in her own home,” Melanie said.

And she did just that, even though it made her daughters uneasy.

Her home was older, and it had porches and steps that became precarious for Joanna, especially after her diabetes led to her having to have two of her toes amputated.

“We would have liked it if she lived closer to town,” Valerie said.

Even after her daughters moved out, Joanna still would mother them.

“She did a lot of things to surprise you,” Melanie said. “You’d come home from work and she’d have left supper for you. I’d go to do her shopping, and she’d say, ‘Make sure you get something for yourself.’”

Valerie said she will miss coming home to find crock pots of beans and baggies of cornbread in her breezeway.

“She took care of us,” she said. “She was a worrier. She was protective. She was our mom.”

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information and a correction. .*

Carol Ann Nelson

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Ann Nelson, 69, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Brazil, Ind., on Sept. 29, 1937, to Harry C. and Wynema J. (Stewart) Haverkamp. Her parents preceded her death.

She graduated from Brazil High School in 1955 and married Allen R. Nelson on Sept. 15, 1956 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brazil. They moved to Kendallville in 1967, and her husband preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1996.

Mrs. Nelson

She was a loving mother and grandmother, devoted to her family, friends and church. Mrs. Nelson was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she served on the Financial Committee since 1988 and as treasurer for Women of St. John since 1990.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Tom Vice of Avilla, Gina and Greg Sturgis of Kendallville and Pam and Ed Meredith of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Josh Vice, Matthew Vice, Tyler Ward, Taryn Ward, Carrie Spencer, and Zach Sturgis; three great-grandchildren; Autumn Vice, Xzavier Vice and Riley Spencer; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cris and Vic Berry of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Jan and Jim Dressler of Brazil, Ind., and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with an hour of calling before the funeral. Officiating will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Casketbearers will be Tom Vice, Greg Sturgis, Ed Meredith, Josh Vice, Matthew Vice, and Tyler Ward.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY Is *being republished with additional information*

Dustin Smith

FORT WAYNE — Dustin Smith, 27, currently living in Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness.

Mr. Smith

He was born in Elkhart on March 21, 1979, to Timothy LeRoy and Marla S. (Yoder) Smith.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1997 and attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. In the past, he was employed with United Parcel Service of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith loved spending time with his kids, enjoyed football, watching sports, and working with computers at his home. He was witty and loved to make people laugh. He was often joking around with others. He also was always looking for ways to help other people.

Surviving are his mother, Marla S. Branstetter of Fort Wayne; his father, Tim L. Smith of Kendallville; his fiancee, Autum Dusseau of Fort Wayne; two children, Kyle and Destiny Smith, both of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Tia and Matthew Tackett of Fort Wayne; a brother, Noah Smith of Kendallville; a nephew, Noah Tackett of Fort Wayne; his grandmothers, Charlotte Smith of Kendallville and Dorothy Yoder of Waterloo; and a grandfather, Amos T. Yoder of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Smith, and by his stepfather, Robert Branstetter, in August 2006.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, officiated by Pastor Scott Pattison. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, The Travis Roy Foundation or to the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

To view a video tribute (after Monday) or send condolences to the family, visit the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Rose Gabet

BUTLER — Rose E. Gabet, 86, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Gabet

Mrs. Gabet was a loving mother and homemaker.

She was born March 5, 1920, in Auburn to Walter and Mable (Goetschius) Housel.

On Oct. 12, 1940, in New Haven, she married Arthur A. Gabet. He died March 4, 2006.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rose Ann and Jerry Dohner of Butler, Patricia and Charles Miller of Hicksville, Ohio, and Ellen Kelder of Garrett; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Pamela Gabet and Richard Gabet, all of Butler; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Ronald; and a sister, Rhea Berry.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Madeline Steel

KENDALLVILLE — Madeline M. Steel, 93, of Kendallville died at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

On Oct. 10, 1913, she was born in New York, N.Y., to Dietrich and Mary (Kohler) Gieschen. She married Joe Steel in September 1960. He preceded her in death.

She lived in Albion since 1960, and moved to Kendallville in 1980.

Mrs. Steel worked for the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

She was a member of Albion American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Judy and Robert Neville of Fort Wayne, and Paula Johns of Eaton, Ga.; a son, Phil Steel of Farwell, Neb.; six grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, in Avilla with Chaplain Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home prior to services.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, and Albion American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Joe Berhalter

KENDALLVILLE — Joe Berhalter, 86, of Kendallville died at 4:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007.

Services are pending at Young Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel.

Elsie Gepfert

ANGOLA — Elsie M. Gepfert, 94, of Angola and formerly of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Gepfert was born May 25, 1912, in Jefferson Township to Andrew and Lucy Bolyard. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Flatrock, and was a past member of the Ladies Aid and Altar Guild.

She worked at Dan Purvis Drug Store in New Haven and General Cinema, Southtown, and Regal Cinema, Coldwater Crossing, both in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Carol Gepfert of Coldwater, Mich. and Rex and Joyce Gepfert of New Haven; five grandchildren and their spouses, Lori and Matt Ritchie, Michael and Jana Gepfert, Shelly and Alan Grant, Chris and Kim Gepfert and Joe Gepfert; four great-granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Lucile Grotrian, and five other sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Lutheran Church, Monroeville, with the Rev. Douglas M. Christian officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at E. Harper & Sons Funeral Home, New Haven, and Wednesday one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery, Monroeville.

Memorials to St. John Lutheran Church, Peace Lutheran Church Building Fund, Fremont or Central Lutheran School, New Haven.

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Karen Denney

KENDALLVILLE — Karen Ann Denney, 59, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Denney

Mrs. Denney graduated from Kendallville High School in 1965 and earned a master of nursing degree from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne. She was a loyal employee of McCray Memorial Hospital and Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville and Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange since 1971.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and a longtime East Noble basketball supporter. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, traveling to tractor shows and her membership in the Kendallville Garden Club and Red Hat Society.

Born in Kendallville on Feb. 7, 1947, she was the daughter of Lyman Lee and Josephine Irene (Hornett) Holbrook. She married Everett Rex Denney on May 28, 1974, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian K. Rupert of Kendallville, and Christopher and Jennifer Denney, Mooresville; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Matthew Schroeder of Kimmell; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, David and Karen Denney of Plymouth; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Joni and Vivin Pearson of Mission, Texas; six grandchildren, Ray and Vincent Soto of Mission, Texas, Emily Denney of Plymouth, Nicholas and Sarah Schroeder of Kimmell, and Christian Denney of Mooresville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lyman "Dude" and Karen Holbrook and Larry and Shari Holbrook, all of Kendallville; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sandra and Larry Huntsman of Albion; and a longtime sister-in-law and friend, Linda Holbrook of Kendallville.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers will be Ryan and Matt Holbrook, Matthew and Jeremy Schroeder, Brian Rupert, Christopher Denney, Stuart Blackburn, Leon Huntsman and Gary Shultz. Honorary pallbearers will be Nicholas Schroeder and Cuong Nguyen.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday with a rosary service at 7:45 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Karen Ann Denney Nursing Scholarship or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Improvement Fund.

View a memorial DVD tribute or send condolences to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Mildred Freeman

KLINGER LAKE, Mich. — Mildred Williams Freeman, 85, of Klinger Lake, White Pigeon, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Freeman was born July 19, 1921, in Chicago to Samuel and Maglona (Williams) Quantick. She came to Sturgis, Mich. in 1945, where she resided until moving to Klinger Lake in 1987.

Her early life was spent in Chicago.

On June 12, 1945, she married Richard L. Freeman at the University of Chicago Chapel. He survives.

During World War II, she was employed as an instructor at the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. She graduated from Calumet High School in Chicago and Morgan Park Junior College, also in Chicago, where she received her associate's degree. She had been granted a full scholarship to study biology at the University of Chicago, but was unable to attend due to the war.

She was always very active in the Sturgis community. Some of her involvements included serving as past president and charter member of the Sturgis Junior Women's League, which was established in 1948; being a 39-year member and past president of the Sturgis Garden Club, past president of the Sturges Young Auditorium Board and the Sturgis Council of the Arts. She was also an original member of the Sturgis Civic Players.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jane Pauline Odom of Angola and Susan "Marney" and Arthur Stoumbelis of Boxborough, Mass.; three granddaughters, Virginia L. Odom of Rome, Ga., Alexis Stoumbelis of San Francisco, Calif. and Stephanie Stoumbelis, of St. Paul, Minn.; a sister, Jane Ballantine of Hinsdale, Ill.; and four nephews, Paul Ballantine, Bruce Ballantine, Thomas Freeman and James Freeman.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Sturgis Junior Women's League, care of Barbara Williams, 69041 Doty Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091 or Sturgis Garden Club, care of Jennifer Gerber, 27569 Hawthorne Road, Sturgis, MI 49091.

Arrangements are being handled by Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home, Sturgis.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 6, 2007, Tuesday

Joe Berhalter

KENDALLVILLE — Joe G. Berhalter, 86, of Kendallville died at 4:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following a brief illness.

Mr. Berhalter

Mr. Berhalter had retired after more than 20 years with Hossinger Refrigeration in Kendallville. Following his retirement, he worked at Scott's Foods in Kendallville for eight years.

He was a lifetime Kendallville area resident and a 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School.

He was a veteran of the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Berhalter enjoyed sailing, ice boating, ice fishing, gardening, cooking and spending time with his family.

He was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist and American Legion Post 86.

He was born July 23, 1920, in Kendallville to Thurlow and Dessie (Gloyd) Berhalter. He married Maxine N. Hathaway on Oct. 17, 1942, in St. Louis, Mo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Charles Berhalter of Rome City and Randy Berhalter of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Betty Berhalter of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Dawn Blum, Hindi Clark and Laura Kay Meyers; and seven great-grandchildren, Cort Newport, Kara Newport, Ryan Clark, Alyn Clark, Alyx Clark, Tyler Eggle and Dylan Eggle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dennis Berhalter, Alan Berhalter, Rick Clark, Cort Newport, Chuck Hathaway and Steve Hathaway. Honorary pallbearer will be Pat Calkins.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 6, 2007, Tuesday

Donald Konger

CHURUBUSCO — Donald F. Konger of Churubusco died at 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at his home in Eel River Township. He had been in declining health for the past several months.

Among his survivors are his wife, Rosemary, and seven children.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Tracy Asher

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Tracy Ann Asher, 52, of Battle Creek died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, at the Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence.

Mrs. Asher was a homemaker.

She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, most especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, listening to Christian music and reading.

She was born in Steamboat Springs, Colo., on Oct. 11, 1954, to Joseph and Shirley (Hickman) Mundon. She married Rex Farmer Asher in Battle Creek on Aug. 13, 1994. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Annalicia "Anna" M. and Tim Tyson of Albion, Mich.; a son, Edward Moore of Springfield; four stepchildren and their spouses, Terry and Janis Asher, Mary and Bruce Stanton, April Marie Asher and Pete L. Asher, all of Battle Creek; two grandchildren, Kendal Marie Tyson and Austin Edward Moore; 12 stepgrandchildren; her mother and stepfather, Shirley and Ken Guenther of Albion, Ind.; grandparents, Omar and Shirley Brown; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Curtis Mundon, Scott Mundon and Russ and Anne Mundon; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Vickie and Pat Merrill and Jodie and Warren Patrick; special friends, Dori and Dale Kelly; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home, 105 Capital Ave. NE, Battle Creek.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Emmett Street Missionary Church, 552 E. Emmett St., Battle Creek, with Pastor Michael McGlynn officiating. Burial will be at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Mich.

Memorials are to the Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence or the Emmett Street Missionary Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.farleyestesdowdle.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 7, 2007, Wednesday

Charley Smyth

HAMILTON — Charley S. Smyth, 75, of Hamilton died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mr. Smyth was a retired independent truck driver. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post 202 in Butler and the Hamilton Odd Fellows and was a retired member of the Hamilton Fire Department.

He was born Dec. 8, 1931, in Franklin Township to Lemuel and Rosie (Schrader) Smyth.

He married Margaret J. Crowley on May 10, 1955, in Thailand. She died Aug. 31, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and JB Bassett of Butler; two grandchildren, Jenny Bassett and John Bassett, both of Hamilton; two brothers, Jim and Frank Smyth, both of Butler; and four sisters, Janet Krieger of Churubusco and Linda Blackburn, Jane Smyth and Mag Upp, all of Butler.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery at Waterloo.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences are to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

John Cary

AVILLA — John L. Cary, 71, of Avilla died at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Howard Clark

AVILLA — Howard L. Clark, 71, of Avilla died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Clark was a truck driver for Northern Indiana Trucking Co. and a self-employed excavator. He was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla and Teamsters Union Local 414, Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 23, 1935, in Deckard County, Tenn., to Jack and Nellie (Smith) Clark. They preceded him in death.

He married Connie Hixson on July 14, 1978, in Allen County, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas Clark of Indianapolis; a daughter, Patricia Howey of New Haven; three stepsons, David Barry and his wife, Tammy, of Corunna, Jeff Barry of Garrett and Todd Barry and his wife, Rosemary, of Avilla; a brother, John L. Clark of Wake Forest, N.C.; two sisters, Kathy Davis of Fort Wayne and Louise Howard of Wake Forest, N.C.; and nine grandchildren, Jonathan Howey, Laura Howey, Andrew Barry, Tyler Barry, Justin Barry, Joseph Barry, Kennedy Barry, Christa Barry and Zachary Barry.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Clark, and a stepson, Timothy Barry.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with David Fry officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the East Noble School Corp., Avilla Special Needs Pre-School Program, in care of Mary Casselman, 702 Dowling St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Anna Pfannkuche

ANGOLA — Anna G. Pfannkuche, 91, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Pfannkuche was born June 25, 1915, in Turtle Creek, Pa., to Fredrick and Anna G. (Little) Zandier. She was a retired telephone operator and had worked for AT&T and Illinois Bell.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Illinois Bell Pioneer Club, Steuben County Women's Club, and St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Palatine, Ill. She had lived in Angola for 21 years, moving from Palatine.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Ron Hensley of Angola; two stepsons, William Pfannkuche of Chicago and Robert Pfannkuche of Elk Grove, Ill.; a sister, Patricia Marie Rickey of Gold Canyon, Ariz.; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Pfannkuche, in 1976; her parents; and a brother, Fredrick Zandier.

Services will be at noon Monday at Windridge Cemetery, Cary, Ill. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with prayer services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Center or the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Building Fund.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 7, 2007, Wednesday

Ammon Miller

TOPEKA — Ammon J. Miller, 82, of Topeka died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at his home. He had been in declinin health the past three years.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and had moved to the area in 1937.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Dec. 31, 1924, in Kansas to John E. and Katie (Troyer) Miller. He married Alma Bontrager on Dec. 30, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd and Katie Miller of Shipshewana, Chris and Rhonda Miller of South Carolina, Perry and Kathryn Miller, Orva and Sylvia Miller and Elmer and Irene Miller, all of Topeka; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary Ellen and Simon Hershberger and Wilma and David Yoder, all of LaGrange, and Lydia Mae and Cristy Eash and Katie Miller, all of Topeka; and two brothers, Joni Miller of Shipshewana and Eli Miller of Peru; 45 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the family home with home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Elva Petersheim, Orva Petersheim, Calvin Miller and Richard Miller.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family home.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Gertrude Willms

KENDALLVILLE — Gertrude Joyce Willms, 77, of Kendallville and formerly of Wall Lake near Orland died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Willms was born in Pleasant Lake on Feb. 11, 1929. She was married to Wendell O. Willms Sr., and he preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Greg Johnson of Kendallville; and a son, DeVon Willms of Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Cheryl Fry

LIGONIER — Cheryl M. Fry, 7 1/2 months, died at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at her home in rural Ligonier.

She was the daughter of Melvin D. and Pauline (Hochstetler) Fry.

Surviving with her parents are a brother, Lawayne Fry, at home; and grandparents, David and Mattie Fry and David and Sarah Hochstetler, all of Ligonier.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Perry Miller residence. Burial will be in Clearspring Cemetery near Topeka.

Calling will be after 6 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Fry family residence.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Alan Parker

ANGOLA — Alan L. Parker, 36, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at home.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Jimmy Hill

LIGONIER — Jimmy L. Hill, 65, of Ligonier and Lake Wawasee died at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 7, 2007, Wednesday

Donald Konger

CHURUBUSCO — Donald Francis Konger, 77, of rural Churubusco died at 8:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Konger

Mr. Konger was a farmer and owned Konger Electric Products. He had also worked for Magnavox, Raytheon and Lake City Bank.

He was a 1948 graduate of Huntertown High School and received a degree from Indiana Tech.

Mr. Konger was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

He was a strong man of unfaltering faith and a lifetime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege. He was also a member of the Garrett Knights of Columbus, Churubusco VFW Turtle Post 3846, Churubusco Gilbert Davis American Legion 157 and the Fort Wayne Civil Air Patrol.

He was born Dec. 16, 1929, in Noble County to Joseph and Anna (Molargik) Konger. He married Rosemary Minnich on May 3, 1958, at St. Joseph Catholic Church at Hessen Cassel. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve and Kathy Konger of Fort Wayne and Tim Konger of Churubusco; five daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Mark Ramsey of Columbia City, Brenda and Scott Reynolds of Churubusco and Cammy and Mike Smith, Lisa and Jeremy Greenway and Dr. Sheila and Chris Falloon, all of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ray and Mary Ann Konger and Bernie and Maggie Konger, all of Fort Wayne, and Bob and Barb Konger of Winterhaven, Fla.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Regina and George Frazier of Fort Wayne, Laura and Chuck Nicodemus of Indianapolis and Wanda and Jack Walcutt of Huntertown; a sister-in-law, Mary Ann Konger of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; 18 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lawrence Konger, Tony Konger and Jim Konger; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Masses or to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ruth Gilbert

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Ruth Valdean Gilbert, 92, of Bluffton, Ohio, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at 11:05 a.m. at the Mennonite Memorial Home in Bluffton.

Mrs. Gilbert and her husband, John, founded and operated Associated Plastics in Pandora, where she was secretary and treasurer.

She was the last teacher to teach at the Black School in Orange Township. She also taught third grade for two years in Ada. She had worked at Triplett Corp. in Bluffton and the Boss Glove Factory in Bluffton.

She was a member of the Bluffton Presbyterian Church, Bluffton Senior Citizens and the Hancock County Genealogical Society.

She was salutatorian of her 1932 Bluffton High School graduating class, a 1936 graduate of Bluffton College and attended Ohio Northern University.

She was born Aug. 16, 1914, in Orange Township, Hancock County, Ohio, to Roy and Katie (Bower) Cunningham.

She married John W. Gilbert on April 28, 1940, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and David Bash of Auburn; three grandchildren, Tamela Bash, Eric Bash and Danielle Bash; and a great-grandchild, Kaitlin Kiser.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, Bluffton, Ohio, with the Rev. Lew VanderNaald and Chaplain William Herr officiating. Burial will be in Thompson Cemetery of Bluffton.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bluffton Presbyterian Church or Mennonite Memorial Home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 7, 2007, Wednesday

Karen Ann Denney, 59

KENDALLVILLE - Karen Ann Denney, age 59, died on Sunday, February 4, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Indiana.

Mrs. Denney was born in Kendallville on February 7, 1947 to Lyman Lee and Josephine Irene (Hornett) Holbrook. Both of her parents preceded her death.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1965 and earned a master of nursing degree from St. Francis College in Fort Wayne.

She was married to Everett Rex Denney on May 28, 1974 in Kendallville and was a loyal employee with McCray Hospital, Parkview Noble Hospital and Parkview LaGrange Hospital since 1971.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and longtime supporter of East Noble High School Basketball. Karen enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and family, travelling to tractor shows, being a member of the Kendallville Garden Club and a member of the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include: her husband, Everett Rex Denney of Kendallville; 2 sons, Brian K. Rupert of Kendallville, Christopher (Jennifer) Denney of Moorsville; 1 daughter: Amy (Matthew)Schroeder of Kimmell; 1 stepson David (Karen)Denney of Plymouth, Indiana; 1 stepdaughter Joni (Vivin) Pearson of Mission, Texas; 6 grandchildren Ray Soto and Vincent Soto of Mission, Texas, Emily Denney of Plymouth, Nicholas and Sarah Schroeder of Kimmell and Christian Denney of Moorsville; 2 brothers Lyman "Dude" (Karen)Holbrook of Kendallville, Larry (Shari) Holbrook of Kendallville; Sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sandra and Larry Huntsman of Albion; Longtime sister-in-law and friend, Linda Holbrook of Kendallville.

Mass of Christian Burial took place February 7, 2007 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville. Fr. Jacob Gall officiated.

Burial took placeLake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Karen Ann Denney Nursing Scholarship or to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Improvement Fund.

Casketbearers were Ryan Holbrook, Matt Holbrook, Matthew Schroeder, Jeremy Schroeder, Brian Rupert, Christopher Denney, Stuart Blackburn, Leon Huntsman, and Gary Shultz.

Honorary bearers were Nicholas Schroeder and Cuong Nguyen

View a memorial DVD tribute or to send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Madeline M. Steel, 93

KENDALLVILLE – Madeline M. Steel, 93 died Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, IN.

She was born October 10, 1913 to Dietrich and Mary (Kohler) Gieschen in New York, New York. Both parents are deceased.

She married Joe Steel in September 1960. He is deceased.

She had lived in Albion since 1960, was a member of the Albion American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and had worked for the Noble County Sheriff's Dept. before moving to Kendallville in 1980.

Survivors include 2 daughters and 1 son: Judy (Robert) Neville of Ft. Wayne, IN; Paula Johns of Eaton, Georgia and Phil Steel of Farwell, Nebraska; 6 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Services were February 6, 2007 at the Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel. The Chaplain Tom Novy officiated. Burial took place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Preferred memorials are to the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla or Albion American Legion Ladies Auxilary.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 7, 2007, Wednesday

Carol Ann Nelson, 69

KENDALLVILLE - Carol Ann Nelson, 69, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Brazil, Ind., on Sept. 29, 1937, to Harry C. and Wynema J. (Stewart) Haverkamp. Her parents preceded her death.

She graduated from Brazil High School in 1955 and married Allen R. Nelson on Sept. 15, 1956 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Brazil. They moved to Kendallville in 1967, and her husband preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1996.

She was a loving mother and grandmother, devoted to her family, friends and church. Mrs. Nelson was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville, where she served on the Financial Committee since 1988 and as treasurer for Women of St. John since 1990.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Tom Vice of Avilla, Gina and Greg Sturgis of Kendallville and Pam and Ed Meredith of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Josh Vice, Matthew Vice, Tyler Ward, Taryn Ward, Carrie Spencer, and Zach Sturgis; three great-grandchildren; Autumn Vice, Xzavier Vice and Riley Spencer; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cris and Vic Berry of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and Jan and Jim Dressler of Brazil, Ind., and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held February 6, 2007 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiated. Burial was held at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or LaOtto Wesleyan Church.

Casketbearers were Tom Vice, Greg Sturgis, Ed Meredith, Josh Vice, Matthew Vice, and Tyler Ward.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Avyce Roth, 90

ALBION — Avyce R. Roth, 90, of Albion died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Roth had worked as a librarian in Lima, Ohio, and worked as a bookkeeper for Central Allen Dairy in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church and a life member of the Loyal Order of the Moose 1311 in Decatur. Mrs. Roth was also a member of the Albion Fraternal Order of the Eagles and a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Poe Fire Department. She also played organ and piano for the Poe United Methodist Church. She lived in Albion since 1965, moving from Poe.

She was born July 7, 1916, to Charles L. and Hazel (Hardman) Circle. They preceded her in death.

She married Lloyd Roth at Green Street Church of the Brethren on July 11, 1937. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Roth is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Mary L. Peterson of Albion and Janice and Ed Williams of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Debra (Randy) Dellinger of Columbia City, Cindy (Steve) Krauskopf of Fremont, Shelley (Mark) Mawhorter of Albion, Robbie Tomlinson of Kendallville, Mark (Linda)Williams of Harlan, Mike Williams of New Haven, and Bryan Peterson of Albion; three stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Bill Tomlinson; one sister, Esther Mettler; and a brother, Charles Circle Jr.

Services were February 5, 2007 at Asbury United Methodist Church. The Rev. Austin Fergusson officiated. Burial took place at Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials may be made to the Asbury United Methodist Church Music Department, the public library or Shepherd of the Hill.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 7, 2007, Wednesday

Dustin Smith, 27

FORT WAYNE - Dustin Smith, 27, currently living in Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne following a sudden illness.

He was born in Elkhart on March 21, 1979, to Timothy LeRoy and Marla S. (Yoder) Smith.

He graduated from East Noble High School in 1997 and attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne. In the past, he was employed with United Parcel Service of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith loved spending time with his kids, enjoyed football, watching sports, and working with computers at his home. He was witty and loved to make people laugh. He was often joking around with others. He also was always looking for ways to help other people.

Surviving are his mother, Marla S. Branstetter of Fort Wayne; his father, Tim L. Smith of Kendallville; his fiancee, Autum Dusseau of Fort Wayne; two children, Kyle and Destiny Smith, both of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Tia and Matthew Tackett of Fort Wayne; a brother, Noah Smith of Kendallville; a nephew, Noah Tackett of Fort Wayne; his grandmothers, Charlotte Smith of Kendallville and Dorothy Yoder of Waterloo; and a grandfather, Amos T. Yoder of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Smith, and by his stepfather, Robert Branstetter, in August 2006.

Services were February 7, 2007 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, officiated by Pastor Scott Pattison. Burial took place at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, The Travis Roy Foundation or to the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

To view a video tribute (after Monday) or send condolences to the family, visit the Web site www.hitefuneralhome.com

Tracy Asher, 52

BATTLE CREEK, MI – Tracy Ann Asher, 52, of Battle Creek died peacefully on Saturday morning, February 3, 2007 at the Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence. She was born in Steamboat Springs, Colorado on October 11, 1954 the daughter of Joseph and Shirley (Hickman) Mundon.

Tracy married Rex Farmer Asher in Battle Creek on August 13, 1994; he survives. She is also survived by a daughter, Annalicia "Anna" M. (Tim) Tyson of Albion, Michigan; a son, Edward Moore of Springfield; four step-children, Terry (Janis) Asher, Mary (Bruce) Stanton, April Marie Asher and Pete L. Asher, all of Battle Creek; two grandchildren, Kendal Marie Tyson and Austin Edward Moore; twelve step-grandchildren; her mother, Shirley (Ken) Guenther of Albion, Indiana; grandparents, Omar (Shirley) Brown; three brothers, Curtis Mundon, Scott Mundon and Russ (Anne) Mundon; two sisters, Vickie (Pat) Merrill and Jodie (Warren) Patrick; special friends, Dori (Dale) Kelly and several nieces & nephews.

A homemaker, Tracy enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, most especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, listening to Christian Music and reading.

Funeral services to celebrate Tracy's life were held Wednesday, February 7, 2007 in Battle Creek, MI. with Pastor Michael McGlynn officiating. Interment followed at Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Michigan. Memorials made to the Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence or the Emmett Street Missionary Church would be appreciated. Personal messages for the family may be placed at www.farley-estesdowdle.com.

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Gertrude Willms

Mrs. Willms

KENDALLVILLE — Gertrude Joyce Willms, 77, of Kendallville and formerly of Wall Lake, Orland, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Willms was born Feb. 11, 1929, in Pleasant Lake to James LeRoy and Edith Lenore (Wyatt) Thrush. She was married to Wendell O. "Windy" Willms Sr. in Angola on May 19. 1946. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2000.

In the past she had owned two businesses, the Phillips 66 gas station in Orland for 11 years and the Wall Lake Tavern for 11 years. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 Auxiliary. She enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, crocheting, working in the yard, working on the family farm and making hay.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Carolyn and Greg Johnson of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Wendell Jr. and Debbie Willms of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Keith Willms, in 1974; a daughter, Tammara Sue Willms, in 1961; two brothers, L.D. Thrush and Paul Thrush; and two sisters, Opal Willms and Marv Jane Melchi.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Orland American Legion Auxiliary or Shepherd of the Hill.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Alan Parker

Mr. Parker

ANGOLA — Alan L. Parker, 36, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at home after a long battle with primary brain cancer.

Mr. Parker was born July 23, 1970, in Angola to Hal E. and Joy R. (Pryor) Parker. He worked for Parker Heating and Air Conditioning in Angola.

On June 6, 1991, he married Victoria L. Goes in Fremont. She survives.

He enjoyed playing and listening to music, spending time with his family and friends, carousing with his dogs and laughing, especially around a campfire.

Also surviving are a son, Jacob L.P. Parker of Angola; two daughters, Ceara N. Deming and Samara T. Parker, both of Angola; his parents in Angola; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Bob L. and Jan D. Goes of Angola; two brothers, Don J. Parker of Indianapolis and Bob J. Goes of Angola; a sister, Gwen C. Parker of Indianapolis; and a nephew and niece, Drew Parker and Morgan Parker, both of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmothers, Hazelene (Ashbrooke) Pryor and Mata (Roy) Pryor; his maternal grandfather, Albert Pryor; his paternal grandmother, Phyllis (Jordan) Parker; his paternal grandfather, Don D. Parker; and his nephew, Damon J. Parker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at the funeral home's Web site, www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Darrell Gordon

FORT WAYNE — Darrell L. Gordon, 35, of Fort Wayne died unexpectedly Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at his residence in Harrisburg, Ill.

Mr. Gordon spent all of his childhood and adult years in Fort Wayne until the past few months.

He was born March 5, 1971, in Fort Wayne to John and Bonnie L. (Barrand) Gordon.

He married Bonnie S. Vogel in Fort Wayne on July 7, 2004. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Jerry and Bonnie Horton on Columbia City; a brother, Tommy Gordon of Chicago; a half-sister, Cristina Phillipson of Oregon; a stepbrother, Jeffrey Horton of New Carlisle, Ohio; a stepsister, Angela Reneé Cotham of Fort Wayne; his grandparents, John and Grace Barrand of Churubusco; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. Gordon was preceded in death by his father, John Gordon.

A memorial service will be Friday at 6 p.m. in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, 206 N. Main St., Churubusco. Pastor Larry Williams will officiate.

Calling will be at the funeral home Friday from 5-6 p.m. Disposition of the ashes will be in Harrisburg, Ill.

Memorials are to the family to help defray funeral costs. Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

George Lease

ANDREWS — George S. Lease, 76, of Andrews died at 10:02 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lease had retired in 1991 from Celotex in Lagro after 40 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Lease attended Andrews Church of the Brethren and was a member of the Lagro American Legion Post and AARP.

He was born May 30, 1930, in Peru, Ind., to William Lease and Iva (Sivits) Seber. He married Juanita McKinney on Oct. 7, 1950, in Andrews. She died Dec. 23, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherry and Bob Vanover of Huntington and Joan Lease-Clark and Charles Clark of Kendallville; two sons, William Lease of Andrews and James Lease of Michigan City; a half sister, Linda Gasaway of Huntington; nine grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four half brothers, Harold Schlemmer, Don Schlemmer, Robert Lease and William Lease; and a sister, Katherine Petersen.

Memorial services were held Monday at Andrews Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Jerry Felts officiating.

Burial will be at a later date at Lancaster Cemetery in Lancaster.

Memorials are to the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department in care of the Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

Online condolences may be sent to www.baileylove.com.

Barbara Barrows

BRONSON, Mich. — Barbara Jean Barrows, 79, of Bronson, Mich. died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at th Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater, Mich.

Mrs. Barrows was born De 20, 1927, in Coldwater to Arthur and Leora Cook. She married Archie Barrows on May 5, 1946, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1983.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was employed by Wayne Westland Community Schools for 25 years, retiring in 1984.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Marilyn Barrows of Orland; two grandchildren and their spouses, Kevin and Shawn Barrows of Redford, Mich. an Darrel and Kari Barrows of Hemlock, Mich.; and a great-grandson, McClain Barrows.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Arthur Cook Jr.

There will be no services. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater.

Memorials in lieu of flowers are to the family.

Condolences can be left online at www.gillespiefh.com.

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Peggy Scott

KENDALVILLE — Peggy A. Scott, 65, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been admitted Feb. 2.

Mrs. Scott

Mrs. Scott had been employed with King-Seeley and Eaton Corp. in Kendallville since 1975.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1959.

Mrs. Scott enjoyed hummingbirds and crocheting and loved her dog, Starr. She always looked forward to spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott was born July 30, 1941, in Butler to Jay Ross and Carrie Marie (Marx) Thompson. Her parents preceded her death. She married Eldon Leo Scott on July 2, 1960, in Kendallville and he preceded her death April 6, 2006.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Debra Scott, Mark Scott and Craig Scott, all of Kendallville, and Dennis Scott of Cromwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and James Williams and Kami and Anthony Conroy, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Edna Miller of Litchfield, Ky., Donna Morrow of Fort Wayne and Virginia Chard of Angola; a brother, Richard Thompson of Washington; 11 grandchildren, Abigail Cox, Brandon Scott, Zane Scott, Fawn Scott, Meagan Williams, Heather Scott, Andrew Williams, Tyra Williams, Brendan Conroy, Cody Conroy and Joshua Conroy; and six great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Jarrett, Madelyn, Collin, Kalli and Kace.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Ralph Thompson; and a sister, Patty Thompson, who died at an early age.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Andrew Pastor

AVILLA — Andrew F. Pastor, 84, of Avilla and formerly of Pleasant Lake, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Mary Hemrick

ANGOLA — Mary Marleen Hemrick, 58, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

John Cary

AVILLA — John L. Cary, 71, of Avilla died at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. He had been ill since December 2006.

Mr. Cary had retired in 1998 from Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne.

He had moved to the Avilla area in 1960 from Wolcottville where he graduated from Wolcottville High School.

Mr. Cary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He had served in the U.S. Army and the Air Force.

He was born Nov. 1, 1935, in Kendallville to Clifford Cary and Frieda Heiman. They are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Thomas Cary of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Rob Bevis of Charlotte, N.C.; a son-in-law, Phillip and Leslie Latta of Avilla; and grandchildren, Jacob Bevis, Aaron Bevis, Jonathon Latta and Alyssa Jones.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Latta on March 1, 2001; a grandchild, Ellen Latta; and a sister, Shirley Bickley.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the Allen County Cancer Society.

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Braxton Price

KENDALLVILLE — Braxton Adair Price died shortly after birth at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Alaina Price of Wawaka; grandparents, Bill and Patty Price of Wawaka; a great-great-grandmother, Dorsie Patton of Eastern Kentucky; an uncle and aunt, Miles and Charity Price of Wawaka, another aunt, Michelle Pontius of Kendallville; and cousins Brandon and Anna Chastity, and Drake Price.

He was preceded in death by his great-great-grandparents, Max and Mary Price.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Gary Lovens of New Heights Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Gladys Hensley

COLDWATER, Mich. — Gladys M. Hensley, 103, of Coldwater died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, in Coldwater.

Mrs. Hensley was a graduate of LaGrange High School and the South Bend College of Commerce.

She was a 50-year member of Coldwater First Baptist Church where she served as financial secretary for many years.

She was born Jan. 26, 1904, in Normal, Ill., to John and Elizabeth (Pearl) Gaines. She married Gerald L. Hensley in Ashland, Ky., on July 14, 1932. He died Aug. 26, 2000.

Surviving are two nieces and a nephew.

She was also preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. David Pierce officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.gillespifh.com.

Jimmy Hill

LIGONIER — Jimmy L. Hill, 65, of Ligonier died at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mr. Hill owned and operated several businesses in the Ligonier area.

He was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Hill enjoyed NASCAR, rodeos, fishing and loved to spend time with his grandchildren.

He was born May 2, 1941, in Hillsboro, Ky., and moved to Ligonier in 1960.

His mother, Helen (Harmon) Sorrell survives, in Hillsboro. His father, Thomas Hill, preceded him in death.

Also surviving are a son, James E. Hill of Syracuse; a daughter, Tracy Hill of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Tayla Hill, Brandon Evans and Shay Hill; and a sister, Linda Hunt of Hillsboro, Ky.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier with Pastor Bill Parks officiating.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 7, 2007, Thursday

Karen Denney

KENDALLVILLE — Karen Ann Denney, 59, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Denney

Mrs. Denney graduated from Kendallville High School in 1965 and earned a master of nursing degree from Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne. She was a loyal employee of McCray Memorial Hospital and Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville and Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange since 1971.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and a longtime East Noble basketball supporter. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family, traveling to tractor shows and her membership in the Kendallville Garden Club and Red Hat Society.

Born in Kendallville on Feb. 7, 1947, she was the daughter of Lyman Lee and Josephine Irene (Hornett) Holbrook. She married Everett Rex Denney on May 28, 1974, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian K. Rupert of Kendallville, and Christopher and Jennifer Denney, Mooresville; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Matthew Schroeder of Kimmell; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, David and Karen Denney of Plymouth; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Joni and Vivin Pearson of Mission, Texas; six grandchildren, Ray and Vincent Soto of Mission, Texas, Emily Denney of Plymouth, Nicholas and Sarah Schroeder of Kimmell, and Christian Denney of Mooresville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lyman "Dude" and Karen Holbrook and Larry and Shari Holbrook, all of Kendallville; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sandra and Larry Huntsman of Albion; and a longtime sister-in-law and friend, Linda Holbrook of Kendallville.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Pallbearers were Ryan and Matt Holbrook, Matthew and Jeremy Schroeder, Brian Rupert, Christopher Denney, Stuart Blackburn, Leon Huntsman and Gary Shultz. Honorary pallbearers were Nicholas Schroeder and Cuong Nguyen.

Calling was Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Karen Ann Denney Nursing Scholarship, or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Improvement Fund.

View a memorial DVD tribute or send condolences to the family online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 7, 2007, Thursday

Jimmy Hill

LIGONIER — Jimmy L. Hill, 65, of Ligonier and Lake Wawasee died at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Hill was born on May 2, 1941 in Hillsboro, Kentucky and came to Ligonier in 1960.

His mother, Helen (Harmon) Sorrell survives in Hillsboro. His father, Thomas Hill, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, James E. Hill of Syracuse, and a daughter, Tracy Hill of Cromwell. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Tayla Hill, Brandon Evans and Shay Hill, and a sister, Linda Hunt of Hillsboro, Ky.

Mr. Hill owned and operated several businesses in the Ligonier area. He enjoyed NASCAR, rodeo, fishing and loved to spend time with his grandchildren.

He was a member of the West Noble American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Funeral services will be Friday, Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier. Rev. Bill Parks of Trinity Assembly of God Church will officiate.

Visitation is today, Thursday, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Braxton Price

KENDALLVILLE — Braxton Adair Price died shortly after birth on Monday, Feb. 5, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hosptal in Kendallville, Ind.

He died at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

His mother is Alaina Price of Wawaka. Grandparents are Bill and Patty Price of Wawaka. He is also survived by his great-great grandmother, Dorsie Patton of Eastern, Kentucky. Other survivors include an uncle and aunt, Miles and Charity Price of Wawaka, and an aunt, Michelle Pontius of Kendallville, along with cousins Brandon and Anna Chastity, and Drake Price.

He was preceded in death by great-great grandparents, Max and Mary Price.

Services will take place Friday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with Rev. Gary Lovens of New Heights Baptist Church, officiating.

Visitation is one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 9, 2007, Friday

The following obituary is being rerun to correct a reporter's error.

Gertrude Willms

KENDALLVILLE — Gertrude Joyce Willms, 77, of Kendallville and formerly of Wall Lake, Orland, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Willms

Mrs. Willms was born Feb. 11, 1929, in Pleasant Lake to James LeRoy and Edith Lenore (Wyatt) Thrush. She was married to Wendell O. "Windy" Willms Sr. in Angola on May 19. 1946. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2000.

In the past she had owned two businesses, the Phillips 66 gas station in Orland for 11 years and the Wall Lake Tavern for 11 years. She was also a homemaker.

She was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 Auxiliary. She enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, crocheting, working in the yard, working on the family farm and making hay.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Greg Johnson of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Wendell Jr. and Debbie Willms of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Keith Willms, in 1974; a daughter, Tammara Sue Willms, in 1961; two brothers, L.D. Thrush and Paul Thrush; and two sisters, Opal Willms and Mary Jane Melchi.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the Orland American Legion Auxiliary or Shepherd of the Hill.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfunrealhome.com.

Mary Hemrick

ANGOLA — Mary Marleen Hemrick, 58, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hemrick was born April 14, 1949, in Garrett to Harlan J. and Josephine (Shively) Wise. She worked at Modern Air and Ingersoll Rand in Angola for over 30 years.

Surviving are three stepchildren, Jim Hemrick of Ottawa, Ohio, Debra Wolf of Valparaiso and Lynn Willcutts of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Don J. Sr. and Caroline Wise of Cape Coral, Fla.; three nieces, Carolyn Stoy of Denton, Texas, Cynthia Reed of Salina, Kan. and Linda Hagerman of Fort Wayne; and four nephews, Ed Wise and Don Wise Jr., both of Angola, Mark Summers of Bolit, Colo. and Neal Summers of New Zealand.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Hemrick, on March 10, 1998; her parents; and a sister, Kathleen Summers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Condolences can be left online at www.johnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 9, 2007, Friday

Maria Iwankowitsch

CROMWELL — Maria Iwankowitsch, 93, of Cromwell died at 6:53 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Iwankowitsch moved to Wawaka from Belarus in 1957 and to Cromwell in 1963.

Mrs. Iwankowitsch

She was a homemaker and had worked in the cafeteria at Cromwell Elementary for 25 years and was a janitor at Cromwell State Bank for 10 years.

Mrs. Iwankowitsch loved gardening and taking care of her house and family.

She was born Sept. 22, 1913, in Glibotschchka, Belarus, to Jacob and Sophia (Weluga) Stanul. She married Alexander Iwankowitsch on Feb. 5, 1939. He died Feb. 29, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sina and Robert Scott of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Alex and Jean Iwankowitsch Jr. of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Kirk Scott of Fort Wayne, Nicole Iwankowitsch of Warsaw and Danielle Scott of Cromwell; three stepgrandchildren, Beth Long of Sarasota, Fla., Steve Dixon of Cromwell and Jill Short of Fort Wayne; seven great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and seven stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

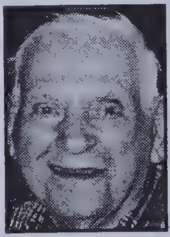
Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Andrew Pastor

AVILLA — Andrew F. Pastor, 84, of Avilla and formerly of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Pastor was born on June 20, 1922, in Chicago to Frank and Anna (Folk) Pastor. He was in the Marine Corps during World War II from 1944-46, and was involved in the Battle of Iwo Jima.


Mr. Pastor

He was a tool and die maker for Dana-Weatherhead, retiring in 1987.

He married Nelda Lanning in Bronson, Mich. on Aug. 31, 1951. She preceded him in death on Feb. 11, 1993.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and Weatherhead Local 1406.

Surviving is a son, Brent Pastor and his companion Sandra of Howe; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lewis and Monica (Pastor) McAllister of Garrett and Steve and Andrea (Pastor) Brangan of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Pastor, and a sister, Rose Schaffer.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Alzheimer's Association or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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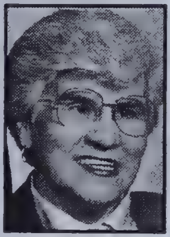
Esther Feliciano

ANGOLA — Esther Roman Feliciano, 79, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.



Mrs. Feliciano

Mrs. Feliciano was born June 26, 1927, in Isabela, Puerto Rico to Teodoro Torres Gonzales and Monserrate Calero Alfaro. She married Ramon Roman Feliciano on June 28, 1947, and he survives.

She was a homemaker. She was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness in 1958.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Emma Roman of Higuey, Dominican Republic, Wilma and Ronald Keller of Fremont, Nilsa and Dennis Coppens of Angola and Maritza and Eric Marzano of Derry, N.H.; two brothers, Mike Torres of Fort Wayne and Carlos Torres of Isabela; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Wilma Roman Torres.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall, 2725 S.R. 827, Angola, with Elder Michael Dougherty officiating. There will be no local calling.

Local arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral services and burial in Puerto Rico will be handled by Funeraria Del Noroeste, Isabela. Burial will be in Los Jardines Memorial Park, Isabela.

Memorial in lieu of flowers are to Jehovah's Witnesses, 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201-2483 or Cameron Home Health Care & Hospice, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Larry Wilson

MIDDLEBURY — Larry D. Wilson, 64, of Middlebury died unexpectedly at 7:55 a.m Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Wilson had worked for 11 years at Forest River in Elkhart before retiring in 2004 due to his health.

He enjoyed gardening and watching sporting events.

He was born April 10, 1942, in Angola to Herman and Effie (Smith) Wilson. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine "Kay" Wilson; a son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Tania Wilson of Chicago; two granddaughters; a sister and brother-in-law, Reta and Gary Best of Edon, Ohio; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ron and Joyce Wilson of Hamilton and Chuck and Jill Wilson of Angola.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Rich Troyer of Middlebury Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Pearl Bearman

MONROEVILLE — Pearl G. (Heckler) Bearman, 95, of Monroeville died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Village of Heritage.

Mrs. Bearman had been a nurse's aide at Lutheran Hospital and Lutheran Homes. She was also a homemaker.

Mrs. Bearman

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville.

She was born Nov. 15, 1911, in Allen County to Christian and Mary (Shaffer) Heckler. She married Elmer F. Bearman on May 31, 1930, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville. He died Aug. 15, 1989.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Lynn and Jean Bearman of Monroeville, Ned and Barb Bearman and Todd and Betty Bearman, all of Fort Wayne, and Rev. Dean and Laura Bearman of Big Long Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Steve and Mary Drews-Bruick of Hoagland; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers; four sisters; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Drews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville with the Rev. William Smith officiating. Burial will be in Monroeville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, and from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Village of Heritage, St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Monroeville EMS.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

Sandra Whetstone

SHIPSHEWANA — Sandra Bee "Sandi" Whetstone, 49, of Shipshewana died at 2:40 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Whetstone

Mrs. Whetstone had moved to Shipshewana nine years ago from the Constantine and White Pigeon, Mich., areas. She was a 1975 graduate of Constantine High School.

She had worked in the office at Shipshewana Auction & Flea Market for three years and at Farmstead Inn in Shipshewana for six years.

Mrs. Whetstone enjoyed spending time with her family and friends from Battle Creek and Texas.

She was born Oct. 17, 1957, in LaGrange, Ky., to Ralph and Mary (Eldridge) Whitworth. They survive in Three Rivers, Mich.

She married John "Sonny" Whetstone on April 23, 1977, in Constantine. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Amy Ironside of Shipshewana; a son, Matthew Whetstone of Shipshewana; two grandsons, Alex Ironside of Shipshewana and Zane Adams of Shipshewana; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bessie Priddy of Three Rivers, Mich., and Vivian and Don Hendrick of Sturgis, Mich.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Doug and Peggy Whitworth of Goshen, Ted and Elizabeth Whitworth of Sturgis and Jeff and Tina Whitworth; four nieces; four nephews; and many special friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Whitworth Jr.; a brother-in-law, James Priddy Sr.; a niece, Nicole Black; her grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church with the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Mottville Township Cemetery in Mottville, Mich.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the agency of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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This obituary is being rerun to correct information regarding calling hours.

Peggy Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Peggy A. Scott, 65, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been admitted Feb. 2.

Mrs. Scott

Mrs. Scott had been employed with King-Seeley and Eaton Corp. in Kendallville since 1975.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1959.

Mrs. Scott enjoyed hummingbirds and crocheting and loved her dog, Starr. She always looked forward to spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott was born July 30, 1941, in Butler to Jay Ross and Carrie Marie (Marx) Thompson. Her parents preceded her death. She married Eldon Leo Scott on July 2, 1960, in Kendallville and he preceded her death April 6, 2006.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Debra Scott, Mark Scott and Craig Scott, all of Kendallville, and Dennis Scott of Cromwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and James Williams and Kami and Anthony Conroy, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Edna Miller of Litchfield, Ky., Donna Morrow of Fort Wayne and Virginia Chard of Angola; a brother, Richard Thompson of Washington; 11 grandchildren, Abigail Cox, Brandon Scott, Zane Scott, Fawn Scott, Meagan Williams, Heather Scott, Andrew Williams, Tyra Williams, Brendan Conroy, Cody Conroy and Joshua Conroy; and six great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Jarett, Madelyn, Collin, Kalli and Kace.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Ralph Thompson, and a sister, Patty Thompson, who died at an early age.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being rerun to include additional information about survivors.

John Cary

AVILLA — John L. Cary, 71, of Avilla died at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. He had been ill since December 2006.

Mr. Cary had retired in 1998 from Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne.

He had moved to the Avilla area in 1960 from Wolcottville where he graduated from Wolcottville High School.

Mr. Cary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He had served in the U.S. Army and the Air Force.

He was born Nov. 1, 1935, in Kendallville to Clifford Cary and Frieda Heiman. They are deceased. He married Theresa Meyer on April 23, 1960, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas Cary of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Rob Bevis of Charlotte, N.C.; a son-in-law, Phillip and Leslie Latta of Avilla; and grandchildren, Jacob Bevis, Aaron Bevis, Jonathon Latta, Owen Latta and Alyssa Jones.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Latta on March 1, 2001; a grandchild, Ellen Latta; and a sister, Shirley Bickley.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Father Edward Erpelding of St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the Allen County Cancer Society.

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John Fee

HAMILTON — John E. Fee, 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fee worked in television and appliance repair all his life. He retired from Scott's TV and Appliance in Angola.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1952 and was a member of the Angola post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He attended Christian Assembly of God Church in Butler.

He was born Feb. 21, 1924, in Adrian, Mich., to Earl and Vera (Turner) Fee. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sisters, Eleanor Smith of Waterloo, Doris Tilghman of Florida, Betty Simpson of Fremont and Blanche, several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Maynard Fee, and a half-broher, Alfred Fee.

Private family graveside services will be at a later date. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Donald Davis

BUCHANAN, Mich. — Donald Davis, 75, of Buchanan, Mich., died of natural causes Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at 1:20 a.m. at a hospital in Niles, Mich.

Mr. Davis, a U.S. Army veteran, was a retired tree trimmer and was working as a security guard.

He was born March 20, 1931, to Frederick and Bernice (Cross-Crabtree) Davis. His mother survives in Ohio.

He married Margie Cole on June 5, 1954. She died Jan. 10, 1993.

On Oct. 12, 1993, he married Rachael Stoudt. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Glenn Davis of Mishawaka; two granddaughters, Hannah and Esther Davis; two sisters, Dorothy Reece of Lodi, Ohio, and Doris Schortgen of Waterloo; and one brother, Dorman Davis of Butler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Hoven Funeral Home, 414 E. Front St., Buchanan, Mich. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Buchanan, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Mildred Foote

COLUMBIA CITY — Mildred L. Foote, 83, of rural Columbia City died at 5:03 a.m. today, Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, at her home. She had been in declining health, however her death was unexpected.

Among her survivors are two daughters, Sandra Short of Churubusco and Darlene Jackson of Columbia City.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco

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Mildred Foote

COLUMBIA CITY — Mildred L. Foote, 84, of rural Columbia City died at 5:03 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, at her residence in Smith Township, Whitley County. Although she had been in failing health, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Foote

Mrs. Foote was born Oct. 6, 1922, near LaOtto to John and Grace (Deck) Croy, and spent her formative years in the LaOtto-Huntertown area.

On Jan. 3, 1942, she was married in Huntertown to Alton J. Foote, who preceded her in death on June 15, 1993. She lived much of her adult life at Blue Lake near Churubusco, and had lived at her present residence since 1985.

A homemaker all her life, she enjoyed gardening, bird watching, her personal devotions and most especially her family. She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Sandra Short of Churubusco and Darlene Jackson of Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Thomas E. and Willard A. Foote; two sisters, Mabel Greenwell and Ethel Byerly; and two brothers Albert and Wilbur Croy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Churubusco United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating

Calling will be at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. or at the church an hour before services. Burial will be at Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Memorials may be directed to Churubusco United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Michael Shanyfelt

NORFOLK, Va. — Michael Shanyfelt, 24, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Va.

He joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school and had been stationed in Norfolk.

He was born Oct. 7, 1982, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Daniel and Sandra Shanyfelt of Garrett; a brother, Alan Shanyfelt of Garrett; a stepsister, Shera Collins of Garrett; two stepbrothers, Chester O. Montgomery and Mathew Montgomery, both of Garrett; his grandparents, Henry and Anna Shanyfelt of Auburn and Sylvia Hoy of Cleveland; his stepgrandparents, Mossie Jennings of Columbus, Ohio, and Ed Jennings, also of Columbus, Ohio; and many cousins, including Michelle Hensley of Cleveland and Gary Sexton of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eva Gump, in June 2003.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Barbara Barrows

BRONSON, Mich. — Barbara Jean Barrows, 79, of Bronson, Mich., died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at the Laurels of Coldwater (Mich.).

She was born Dec. 20, 1927, in Coldwater, the daughter of Arthur and Leora Cook.

She married Archie Barrows on May 5, 1946, in Angola, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1983.

Mrs. Barrows was a member of the Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was employed by Wayne Westland Community Schools, retiring in 1984.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Merlyn Barrows of Orland; two grandsons and their spouses, Kevin and Shawn Barrows of Redford, Mich., and Darrell and Kari Barrows of Hemlock, Mich.; and a great-grandson, McClain Barrows.

She also was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Arthur Cook Jr.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. at the Gillespie Funeral Home, Coldwater. There are no services. Memorials may be made to the family.

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Woman found dead in pond

FROM STAFF REPORTS

AUBURN — An Auburn woman possibly drowned Saturday in a private pond at her residence near Auburn.

The body of Josephine Dicke, 64, was found by her husband, Ronald Dicke, floating in their pond in the 6900 block of DeKalb C.R. 19 near Auburn, according to Rodney D. Clear, public information officer for the Indiana Conservation District Two headquarters at Columbia City.

The pond was located approximately 100 feet from the south side of the house, Clear said.

Mrs. Dicke was last seen by her husband at approximately 11:15 a.m. when he left the residence. When he returned he found her in the water at about 3:30 p.m.

"She was not on the pond when he left," Clear said.

DeKalb County Sheriff's deputies, DeKalb County EMS, Indiana Conservation officer Patrick Heidenreich and Auburn Fire and Rescue units responded to the scene.

The body was discovered in an approximately 30-foot diameter open water area caused by an aerator in the one-acre pond, according to Clear.

Clear said reason for having an aerator running vary from keeping fish viable to protecting piers or boats so they don't have to be removed from the water, to providing an area for water fowl to land. Clear said he did not know why an aerator was running at the pond.

Rescuers pulled her body from the water that was approximately six feet deep at about 4 p.m.

Mrs. Dicke was wearing a coat when recovered from the water, Clear said.

After attempts at resuscitating Mrs. Dicke, DeKalb EMS medics transported her to DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner is expected to determine the cause of death.

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A life-long learner, teacher

Irene Guinther was Indiana's teacher of the year in 1971

BY VIV ROSSWURM
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KENDALLVILLE — Irene M. Guinther was a life-long teacher. Her thirst for knowledge and her ability to pass it on to her students and everyone she encountered was a talent she possessed until the end.

Mrs. Guinther died Jan. 13, 2007, at the age of 95 at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

She was born a coal miner's daughter on Aug. 13, 1911, in Sullivan. Her father, James L. Meurer, often said that Irene could tell off any of her six brothers or her sister — or anyone else — in the nicest way possible without ever using a bad word or raising her voice.

"My grandfather used to say that it took mom's brothers several minutes to realize that she (Irene) had just given them a verbal lashing," Nancy Treesh, Guinther's daughter, remembered.

According to Treesh, who lives in rural DeKalb County with her husband, Lauren, a cousin summed it up best in Mrs. Guinther's eulogy: "She was a teacher all of her life whether she was in front of a class or whether she was alone."

Treesh also remembers her mother breaking a stepsister's habit of swearing by making her put pennies in a "cuss jar" every time she swore.

"By and by, she got better," Treesh said. "She was 12 years old and that was in the 1940's — a jar of pennies added up to a lot of money. One day (the stepsister) told me that a horse had stepped on her foot and even though she wanted to, she had not uttered a single swear word. That's when we knew mother had 'cured' her bad habit."

Mrs. Guinther was honored as Indiana's outstanding teacher in 1971.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Irene Guinther is shown holding one of her great-grandchildren.

She taught at Pleasantville High School for eight years, at Hobart Junior High School for four years and at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett for 15 years, retiring in 1972.

She married Russell W. Guinther, who was known to everyone in the area as "Doc Guinther." Besides her daughter, she also had a son, Bill Guinther, who currently resides in Goshen with his wife, Dana.

Mrs. Guinther was well known in the area for her expertise and knowledge in plants and edible weeds.

Once at a community dinner, some of the guests were raving about Mrs. Guinther's salad and asked what the ingredients included.

"She told them dandelions and lamb's quarters, which are both considered weeds," Treesh said. "They were very surprised."

Another time, a neighbor and Mrs. Guinther got into an argument about a plant with five leaves that he claimed was marijuana.

"Mother kept telling him he was wrong, that it was a weed called cinquefoil," said Treesh. "And she was right."

It didn't matter if it was a question pertaining to weeds, trees, plants, animals or the Bible, Mrs. Guinther knew the answer, according to her daughter.

While attending college to become a teacher, Mrs. Guinther worked summers at Curtiss-Wright Aircraft factory.

"She wasn't quite Rosie the Riveter, but she was working at that time (World War II) and did contribute to the war effort," Treesh said.

Mrs. Guinther's faith was important to her. She was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Auburn, studied the Bible with a passion and was an active member of the church's Bible study group.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Guinther also lost two children to death, a son, Paul Wendel Guinther, and a daughter, Martha Ann Guinther, and was preceded in death by five of her brothers and one sister.

Survivors, besides her son and daughter and their spouses, include a brother, Hal Meurer of Long Branch, N.J, five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Raymond Miller

GRABILL — Raymond "Ray" Eugene Miller, 76, of Grabill died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Helen Kuhn

SHIPSHEWANA — Helen Frances Kuhn, 90, of Shipshewana died at 6:59 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, in the home of her daughter, Vicky Davids.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1916.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Freeman Family Funeral Home, 819 S. Harrison St., Shelbyville.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

There is no local services or calling.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Audrey Bodiker

ANGOLA — One-day-old Audrey M. Bodiker died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on Feb. 7, 2007, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her parents, Brian and Kerrie (Stamper) Bodiker of Angola; two brothers, Joshua and Justin Bodiker of Angola; a twin sister, Alicia Bodiker of Angola; fraternal grandparents Forrest and Marilyn Bodiker of Waterloo; maternal grandparents Peggy Stamper of Hamilton and Art Hall of Angola; and great-grandfathers Bud Lepley of Ashley and Ralph Baker of Hamilton.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at South Scott Cemetery, Angola, with Rev. Dave Cole officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Stacy Music

CHURUBUSCO — Stacy A. Music, 43, died Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Music

Born on Nov. 24, 1963, in Fort Wayne he was the son of Guy Edward and Rita May (Sage) Music. His father survives.

He lived all his life in the Fort Wayne and Churubusco area, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Music graduated from Churubusco High School, and worked at the former Broadview Lumber Company in Auburn.

The avid Fort Wayne Komets fan was a member of the fan clubs and collected many Komet hockey memorabilia.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are his grandmother, Marie M. Sage who he lived with, and several cousins.

His mother preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with burial to follow in Riverview Cemetery in rural Allen County.

There is no calling.

Memorials may be directed to the Whitley County Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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February 12, 2007, Monday

Nellie Stiver

FORT WAYNE — Nellie B. Stiver, 95, of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Regency Place.

She was born March 24, 1991, in Charloe, Ohio.

She had worked at General Electric, International Harvester, L.S. Ayres. Tepe's and Indiana Marine Products before retiring in 1995.

She was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed sewing blankets at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Harlan and for Project Linus. She also enjoyed cooking for others.

She was a 55-year member of Spencerville Chapter 386 of the Order of Eastern Star, a past member of Spencerville United Methodist Church and a current member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Joyce Weible of Fort Wayne; a grandson and his wife, Kevin and Patti Weible of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter and her husband, Lesa and Ryan Estes of Angola; three great-grandchildren; a stepson and his wife, Stephen and Peggy Stiver of New Haven; a stepdaughter and her husband, Dorothy and Rufus Dominguez of Pensacola, Fla.; 12 stepgrandchildren and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Vaughn Weible, Buck Allen and Harold Stiver; a stepdaughter, Imogene Mayer; seven brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road. Dr. Bill Farmer will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. An Eastern Star service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Project Linus or Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church.

Helen Kuhn

SHELBYVILLE — Helen (Stader) Kuhn, 90, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at the home of her daughter in Shipshewana.

Mrs. Kuhn

Mrs. Kuhn had taught school for 46 years in Shelby County and in North Dakota.

She was a graduate of Ball State University and a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and Delta Kappa Gamma Teachers Society.

She was born Nov. 28, 1916, in Shelby County to William and Lula Mae (Perry) Stader. She married Louis Kuhn on Dec. 31, 1943. He died Sept. 23, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter, Vicky Davis of Shipshewana; two sisters, Fay Wilson of Shelbyville and Ruth Queen of California; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, William Stader and Charles Stader; and three sisters, Lucille Hirschauer, Anna Marie Baker and Betty Lou Leffler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Freeman Family Funeral Home in Shelbyville with Pastor Dennis Hirschauer officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church of Shelbyville or the hospice program at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury was in charge of local arrangements.

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Susie Greve

CHURUBUSCO — Susie Irene Greve, 87, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died at noon Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health and had entered the hospice home on Feb. 1.

Mrs. Greve had spent her formative years in the Kendallville area.

She was born May 19, 1919, in Wayne Township, Noble County, to William E. and Vesta E. (Beckbarger) Ackerman. She married Donald W. Greve Sr. on Nov. 2, 1946. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jimmy Powers of New York City and Don and Rosie Greve of Churubusco; two daughters, Carol Collingsworth and Wanda Jett, both of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Josephine Dicke

AUBURN — Josephine N. "Jo" Dicke, 64, of rural Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at 6:37 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Dicke

Mrs. Dicke was a homemaker and had worked for 10 years at the Garrett branch of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born July 11, 1942, in Fort Wayne to Darwin E. and Eva M. (Brackney) Cobb. They preceded her in death.

On Feb. 14, 1976, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church she married Ronald W. Dicke. He survives.

Also surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Jim H. Johnston Jr. of Grand Rapids, Mich., Todd A. Dicke of Huntertown, Rick A. and Michelle Johnston of Garrett, Troy W. and Marcia Dicke of Arcola, and R. Scott Dicke of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer L. and Paul Warfield of Garrett; a brother, Darwin E. Cobb of Auburn; two sisters, Barbara Goldsmith of Butler and Dorothy Wolfe of Fort Wayne; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, with Pastor Stephen K. Kummernuss and the Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Healthcare the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or Youth For Christ.

To sign a guest book or send condolences, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 12, 2007, Monday

Helen Carpenter

ANGOLA — Helen I. Carpenter, 84, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Carpenter

Mrs. Carpenter was born March 18, 1922, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was a bookkeeper at Forest Park National Bank in Forest Park, Ill., for over 30 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen Beck of Angola; a son, Phillip Carpenter of Fremont; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Louis Gergich; his husband, Harry Carpenter; and a son, Harry Carpenter Jr.

There will be no services or calling.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Delores Bloom

GARRETT — Delores Bloom, 79, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at 5:55 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include calling hours.*

Stacy Music

CHURUBUSCO — Stacy A. Music, 43, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 9, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Music

Mr. Music was a graduate of Churubusco High School and had lived in the Churubusco and Fort Wayne areas. He currently made his home with his grandmother, Marie M. Sage.

He had been employed at the former Broadview Lumber Co. in Auburn.

Mr. Music was an avid Komet hockey team fan, member of the Komet fan club and collected Komet memorabilia.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

He was born Nov. 24, 1963, in Fort Wayne to Guy Edward and Rita May (Sage) Music.

He is also survived by several cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. Tuesday until the hour of the service.

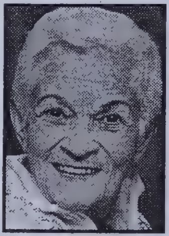
Memorials are to Whitley County Heart Association.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 13, 2007, Tuesday

Wanda Wray

AUBURN — Wanda A. Wray, 90, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.


Mrs. Wray

She was a homemaker for most of her life, but also taught preschool. She had been a resident at Smith Farms Manor Retirement Community for the past six years.

She was born Feb. 9, 1917, in Chicago to Franklin and Ruth (Long) Albright.

Her husband, William Ringston, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Ann Black of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Diana Hermansen of Great Bend, Kan.; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and her caretakers, Danny and Crystal Hollinger of Garrett.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Private burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

To sign the guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Lucinda Lepley

ASHLEY — Lucinda Ann Lepley, 70, died today, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at her home, surrounded by her husband, Jim, and their family.

Service arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Deloris 'Dee' Bloom

ALTONA — Deloris "Dee" M. Bloom, 79, of Altona, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, in Garrett.

Mrs. Bloom

She will be remembered by her family as a special full-time wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born May 9. 1927, in Huntertown to John and LaVern (Yates) Hippenhammer. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert "Bob" L. Bloom on April 26, 1947, in Altona. He died July 7, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebeca and Hubert Ashcraft of Fort Wayne; a son and his companion, Rick L. Bloom and Trudi Aller of Rome City; four grandchildren, Kristopher Bloom and his wife, Jamie, of Columbia City, Patrick Bloom and his fiancee, Stephanie Keller, of Muncie, Hubie Ashcraft of Fort Wayne and Carly Ashcraft of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Carter Robert Bloom of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Amanda L. Bloom, a granddaughter, Nikki Dee, and four sisters.

Services will be Thursday at noon at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m.-noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children at Indianapolis.

To sign the guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Raymond Miller

GRABILL — Raymond "Ray" Eugene Miller, 76, of Grabill, died Saturday morning, Feb. 10. 2007, at his home.

Mr. Miller owned and operated several Jiffy Car Washes and coin-operated laundries in the area. He was a member of Crossview Church in Grabill, a deputy town marshal of Grabill, a past president of the Grabill Town Board and was the Grabill fire chief for more than 20 years.

He was born Jan. 17, 1931, in Allen County to Eli E. and Sue (Bontrager) Miller. They preceded him in death.

He married Patsy Ann Welty on March 24, 1951, in Jeffersonville, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Gary Alan Miller of Lawtey, Fla., Bruce Eugene Miller of Boulder, Colo., Alvin Jay Miller of San Jose, Calif., and David Lee Miller of Spencerville; a daughter, Amy Ruth Miller-Douissard of Singapore; five grandchildren; and a sister, Amanda Eicher of Leo.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Viola Delagrange and Wilma Mae Miller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Crossview Church in Grabill, with Pastor Hal Lehman officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Crossview Church, 13313 Indiana St., Grabill, IN 46741.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 13, 2007, Tuesday

Eva Bright

AVILLA — Eva M. Byerly Bright, 94, of Avilla died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Bright had been employed as a cook at the Paramount Grill.

She had lived in the area 30 years and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Mrs. Bright enjoyed cooking, flowers, quilting and embroidery work.

She was born Jan. 28, 1913, in Perry County to John and Emma (Parr) Sprinkle. She married Richard Bright on Jan. 25, 1975, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Juanita Meek Fleming of Roan Mountain, Tenn., and Emma Lee Blanchard of Ossian; a brother, Edison Sprinkle of Floyds Knob; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 10 brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Estelle Miller

FORT WAYNE — Estelle A. "Stelle" Miller, 85, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at Golden Years Homestead, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was born in South Bend, and lived for 12 years in Angola. She was employed with Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 15 years, retiring in 1988.

She enjoyed sewing.

Surviving are her husband of 69 years, Leroy E. Miller; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jim L. and Linda Miller of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Herb D. and Brenda Miller of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anita L. and Tom Stuckey of Fort Wayne and Beverly and Lynn Werling of New Haven; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to Golden Years Homestead Nursing Home Building Fund.

Carolyn Faurote

ANGOLA — Carolyn Jean Faurote, 80, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo and the Rosary Solidarity of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Mrs. Faurote was born March 2, 1926, in Philadelphia to John and Caroline (Baffoni) Pede. She had lived in Angola for 29 years, coming from Fort Wayne.

She worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 30 years.

She was married to Joseph Faurote in Angola on June 30, 1945. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne C. and Dennis Thompson of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Wallace Pede of Springfield, Va. and Jack Pede of Royersford, Pa.; two grandchildren; a grandson-in-law, Lori and Dan Caruso and Dennis Thompson Jr.; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and six brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday

Michael Persinger

ALBION — Michael Grant Persinger, 57, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Persinger had moved to the area in 1995 from West Virginia.

Mr. Persinger

He was a truck driver for Guardian Industries.

Mr. Persinger was a Vietnam War veteran.

He was born Oct. 7, 1949, in Richwood, W.Va., to Cecil and Ruth (True) Persinger. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Becky and Glen Hill of Colorado and Crystal and Kurtis Dixon of Florida; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Jonel Persinger and Dana and Carla Persinger, all of Florida; and his grandchildren, Jimmy and Bobby Fenstermaker, Adain Persinger, Montanna Persinger, Byran Persinger, Alexis Dixon and Angel.

No services or calling.

Burial will be at a later date in Richwood, W.Va.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Albion Fire Department or the Albion Police Department.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday

Melvin Aldrich

LAGRANGE — Melvin D. Aldrich, 59, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Aldrich had spent most of his life in LaGrange County and St. Joseph County, Mich.

He was a machinist at Lund Deflecta-Shield Aluminum Products in Howe.

Mr. Aldrich

He was born Jan. 12, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Lucille (Fry) Aldrich. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Daebrayan and Jeffrey Biberstine of Fort Wayne and Amber Winkler of LaGrange; a son and his companion, Daemon Aldrich and Courtney Murphy of Huntertown; a brother, Deloss Aldrich of Idaho; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

George Frymier

TRAIL CREEK — George N. Frymier, 71, of Trail Creek died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007, at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Frymier was a salesman at Hirsch Ford-Lincoln-Mercury for more than 15 years.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Mr. Frymier was a member of Moose Family Center 980. He was an avid golfer, loved to play cards and enjoyed spending time with his family.

He was born Sept. 26, 1935, in Albion to L. Edgar and Marguerite (Cunningham) Frymier. He married Jacquelyn Ritchie on Dec. 20, 1985, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Jay and Susan Frymier of Indianapolis, Christopher and Kerry Frymier of Midland, Mich., Todd and Becky Frymier of Fort Wayne and Joel and Liz Frymier of Hilliard, Ohio; three stepchildren and their spouses, Kim and Terry Rebich and Michelle and Donnie Thompson, all of Michigan City, and Dan and Shannon Wojcik of Western Springs, Ill.; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Donna Biddle; and a brother, Mac Frymier.

Services were held Feb. 12 at Root Funeral Home with the Rev. John Hall officiating. Burial was in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the charity of the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday

Marcia Neukom

GARRETT — Marcia M. Neukom, 80, of Garrett died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mrs. Neukom worked as an executive secretary and office manager at ITT-Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Neukom

She was born Jan. 2, 1927, in Adams County to Oliver and Lena P. (Bridgewater) Schnepp.

She married Glenn W. Neukom Sr. on Jan. 25, 1948, in Decatur. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, G. Wayne Neukom Jr. and Dianna Neukom of Fort Wayne; a son-in-law, Jack Shulz of Fremont; a brother, Lewis Schnepp of Fremont; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Marilynn Shulz, and two brothers, Billy and Kenneth Schnepp.

Services will be Saturday at noon in the Garrett United Methodist Church. Dr. Scott Shoaff will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at the church.

Memorials are to the church or to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

To sign an online guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Corey Zimmerman

HARLAN — Corey Jason Zimmerman, 31, of Harlan died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007.

Mr. Zimmerman was born March 23, 1975, in Auburn. He was employed at Deister Machine.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, John and Helen Zimmerman of Auburn; his mother and stepfather, Linda K. and Jack Mull of Harlan; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael and Renee Conner of Woodburn, Matthew Knapp of Clinton Township, Mich., and Jon Tyler Zimmerman of Auburn; and a grandmother, Marcella Beverly of Hicksville, Ohio.

Services will be Friday at 7 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan.

Calling will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Scott Hodge

TOPEKA — Scott M. Hodge, 41, of Topeka died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at his home.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Iva Hardy

RUTHER GLEN, Va. — Iva Pearl Hardy, 88, of Ruther Glen died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton, Md.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lucinda Lepley

ASHLEY — Lucinda Ann Lepley, 70, of Ashley, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Lepley was a homemaker who also worked as a dental hygienist in Angola for 10 years. She then worked at Bostwick-Braun in Ashley until she retired in 1991. Following her retirement, Mrs. Lepley worked at Old Smokey's in Ashley.

She was a member of Ashley United Methodist Church and an active member of the United Methodist Women. She was a former member of the Ashley Fireman's Ladies Auxiliary.

Mrs. Lepley was born Nov. 14, 1936, in Ashley to LaMar and Lois (Myers) Swager. They both preceded her in death.

She married Jim Lepley on Dec. 1, 1956, in Pleasant Lake. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Kristen and Max Dunn of Hudson, Julie and Brent Hall of Ashley, Jaymee Lepley of Ashley, Karla and John Merritt of Angola and Susie and Dirk McKown of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Peter and Barbara Swager of Hamilton and Joe and Geraldine Swager of Orlando, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Glenn Moore of Pleasant Lake; eight grandchildren, Kory Hall, Kyle Hall, John Merritt, James Merritt, Kalib McKown, Kristen McKown, Ben McKown and Blair McKown; a niece and her husband, Stacey and Paul Hyska of Angola, and two great-nieces, Katie and Natalie Hyska of Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Private family graveside services will be at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Memorials are to the Ashley United Methodist Church, 210 W. Morgan St., Ashley.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new dates for services and calling.*

Nellie Stiver

FORT WAYNE — Nellie B. Stiver, 95, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Regency Place.

She was born March 24, 1991, in Charloe, Ohio.

She had worked at General Electric, International Harvester, L.S. Ayres. Tepe's and Indiana Marine Products before retiring in 1995.

She was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed sewing blankets at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Harlan and for Project Linus. She also enjoyed cooking for others.

She was a 55-year member of Spencerville Chapter 386 of the Order of Eastern Star, a past member of Spencerville United Methodist Church and a current member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Joyce Weible of Fort Wayne; a grandson and his wife, Kevin and Patti Weible of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter and her husband, Lesa and Ryan Estes of Angola; three great-grandchildren; a stepson and his wife, Stephen and Peggy Stiver of New Haven; a stepdaughter and her husband, Dorothy and Rufus Dominguez of Pensacola, Fla.; 12 stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Vaughn Weible, Buck Allen and Harold Stiver; a stepdaughter, Imogene Mayer; seven brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road. Dr. Bill Farmer will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. An Eastern Star service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Project Linus or Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with new information about services and surving relatives.*

Michael Shanyfelt

NORFOLK, Va. — Michael Shanyfelt, 24, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk, Va.

He joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school and had been stationed in Norfolk.

Mr. Shanyfelt

He was born Oct. 7, 1982, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Daniel and Sandra Shanyfelt of Garrett; a brother, Alan Shanyfelt of Garrett; a stepsister, Shera Collins of Garrett; two stepbrothers, Chester O. Montgomery and Mathew Montgomery, both of Garrett; his grandparents, Henry and Anna Shanyfelt of Auburn and Sylvia Hoy of Cleveland; his stepgrandparents, Mossie Jennings of Columbus, Ohio, and Ed Jennings, also of Columbus, Ohio; three uncles and an aunt, Herbert Shanyfelt of Cleveland, Mark and Lori Shanyfelt of Auburn and Brian Shanyfelt of Auburn; and many cousins, including Michelle Hensley of Cleveland and Gary Sexton of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eva Gump, who died in June 2003.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday

Helen Fuhrman

ANGOLA — Helen L. Fuhrman, 76, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at home.

Mrs. Fuhrman was born Nov. 29, 1930, in Ligonier to Glen and Gladys (Hoffman) Gunder. She had lived in Decatur, moving to Angola in 1971.

She was married to R. Dale Fuhrman on Jan. 29, 1954, and he preceded her in death on March 26, 1993.

She had been the office manager at Angola Ford since 1976.

Surviving are a two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Carolyn Fuhrman and Stephen K. Fuhrman, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen E. Loban of Mansfield, Ohio and Penny and Jeffery Bell of Angola; eight grandchildren, Susan, Kelly, Anne, Jason, Sage, Molly, Crystal and Dawn; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Fuhrman Jr., and three brothers, Paul, Richard and Dennis Gunder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Mary Weatbrook

LAGRANGE — Mary Weatbrook, 74, of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She had worked at the ARC Workshop in LaGrange.

She was born Jan. 28, 1933, in Rolling Prairie in LaPorte County to Wilbur and Ruth (Luther) Weatbrook.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Linda Weatbrook of Rolling Prairie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Weatbrook.

No services or calling.

Burial will be at a later date at Rolling Prairie Cemetery in Rolling Prairie.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lena Ryan

ANGOLA — Lena May Ryan, 97, of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Ryan was born May 23, 1909, in Harriman, Tenn., to John and Rosa (Adkins) Young. She was a homemaker.

She married Russell Ryan on Feb. 12, 1927, and he preceded her in death on May 27, 1980.

She was a member of Angola Christian Church, Angola Chapter No. 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star and Angola Women of the Moose.

Surviving are a son, Clifford D. Ryan of Naples, Fla.; a daughter, Phyllis R. Detwiler of Lancaster, Pa.; four grandchildren, Todd Ryan, Kim Pitel, Leslie DeLucia and Dana Bartels; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and seven brothers and sisters.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday

John L. Cary, 71

AVILLA - John L. Cary, 71, of Avilla died at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville. He had been ill since December 2006.

Mr. Cary had retired in 1998 from Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne.

He had moved to the Avilla area in 1960 from Wolcottville where he graduated from Wolcottville High School.

Mr. Cary was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

He had served in the U.S. Army and the Air Force.

He was born Nov. 1, 1935, in Kendallville to Clifford Cary and Frieda Heiman. They are deceased. He married Theresa Meyer on April 23, 1960, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas Cary of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Rob Bevis of Charlotte, N.C.; a son-in-law, Phillip and Leslie Latta of Avilla; and grandchildren, Jacob Bevis, Aaron Bevis, Jonathon Latta, Owen Latta and Alyssa Jones.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Latta on March 1, 2001; a grandchild, Ellen Latta; and a sister, Shirley Bicklev.

Services were held February 10, 2007 at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Father Edward Erpelding of St. Mary's Catholic Church officiated. Burial took place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the Allen County Cancer Society.

Howard Clark, 71

AVILLA - Howard L. Clark, 71, of Avilla died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Clark was a truck driver for Northern Indiana Trucking Co. and a self-employed excavator. He was a member of American Legion Post 240 in Avilla and Teamsters Union Local 414, Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 23, 1935, in Deckard County, Tenn., to Jack and Nellie (Smith) Clark. They preceded him in death.

He married Connie Hixson on July 14, 1978, in Allen County, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Thomas Clark of Indianapolis; a daughter, Patricia Howey of New Haven; three stepsons, David Barry and his wife, Tammy, of Corunna, Jeff Barry of Garrett and Todd Barry and his wife, Rosemary, of Avilla; a brother, John L. Clark of Wake Forest, N.C.; two sisters, Kathy Davis of Fort Wayne and Louise Howard of Wake Forest, N.C.; and nine grandchildren, Jonathan Howey, Laura Howey, Andrew Barry, Tyler Barry, Justin Barry, Joseph Barry, Kennedy Barry, Christa Barry and Zachary Barry.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Clark, and a stepson, Timothy Barry.

Services were February 9, 2007 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home. David Fry officiated. Burial was at Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the East Noble School Corp., Avilla Special Needs Pre-School Program, in care of Mary Casselman, 702 Dowling St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday

David Howard Summers, 87

WOLF LAKE – David Howard Summers, 78, of Bear Lake at Wolf Lake, IN passed away Friday, February 9, 2007 at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, IN following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 22, 1928 in Randolph County. He graduated from Spartanburg High School and went on to join the United States Navy. He retired from the United States Navy after 22 years of service to his country. After his retirement from the Navy, he worked as a communications contractor. He was a member of the VFW in Celina, OH, and the American Legion in Albion, IN. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking, and spending time with family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Karen Summers; a sister, Gertrude Pettyjohn (husband Wayne) of Columbia City, IN; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Lewis and Mary C. Howell; and a brother, Samuel Howell.

A funeral service to celebrate David's life will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at Fraze-Brooks Memorial Chapel at 432 W. Pearl Street in Union City, IN with Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Maxville, IN with military graveside rites conducted.

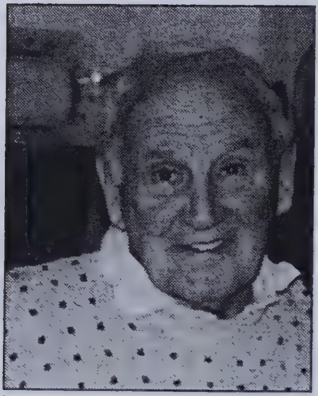
Friends and family may gather to share and remember two hours prior to services from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fraze-Brooks Memorial Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association and/or the American Cancer Society through the Funeral Home.

The families of Tracy Ann Asher would like to say Thank You and God Bless you for your many acts of kindness during her illness and passing.

Shirley & Ken Guenther
and families
Rex Asher & families

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 14, 2007, Wednesday



Robert G. Macy, 80

PERU – Robert G. Macy, 80, Peru, passed away peacefully at home with his wife Evelyn by his side Friday, February 2, 2007 at 12;15 PM. He was born October 29, 1926, in Converse, IN, to Fowler E. and Margueritte Macy. He married Evelyn Prickett on July 31, 1948.

Growing up childhood sweethearts, Bob and Evelyn, his wife of 58 years, had a wonderful life together. Bob was a loving husband, father and grandfather and he will be sadly missed by his wife and family. Bob had a great sense of humor, loved to put people on and made up and told the best bedtime stories for his children and grandchildren. He also was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

As a teacher and coach Bob was a positive influence and role model for countless students and players. He best expressed his love for his work by commenting how lucky he was to get to go everyday and do something that he loved every minute of. No distance was too far for Bob to drive to see a basketball game and he actively played basketball with the "oldies" at the YMCA up into his 70's.

He graduated from Converse High School in 1944. He joined the United States Navy during WWII and served from 1944-1946. He attended Ball State University and graduated from Western New Mexico University in 1950. He received his masters degree from Ball State University in 1962. Bob taught and coached at Chili High School, Albion High School, Indiana Institute of Technoloby at Ft. Wayne and Peru High School.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn, two sons Kevin (Jill) Macy of Converse, IN and Kyle (Tina) Macy of Lexington, KY, and eleven grandchildren: Kristen, Trisha and her husband Ritchie, Miles, Molly, Morgan, Nicholas, Olivia, Clayton, Mallory, Meredith and Malone.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Terrine R. Macy Nailor.

Funeral services were held February 7, 2007 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru, IN. The Chaplain Steve Fleck officiated. Burial took place in Converse Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County YMCA to help needy children belong to the YMCA.

Braxton Adair Price

WAWAKA - Braxton Adair Price died shortly after birth at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving are his mother, Alaina Price of Wawaka; grandparents, Bill and Patty Price of Wawaka; a great-great-grandmother, Dorsie Patton of Eastern Kentucky; an uncle and aunt, Miles and Charity Price of Wawaka, another aunt, Michelle Pontius of Kendallville; and cousins Brandon and Anna Chastity, and Drake Price.

He was preceded in death by his great-great-grandparents, Max and Mary Price.

Services were February 9, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Gary Lovens of New Heights Baptist Church officiated. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 15, 2007, Thursday

Charles Felder

SHIPSHEWANA — Charles W. "Bill" "Pops" Felder, 81, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Felder

Mr. Felder had retired from Shelter Components, Carpet Division, in Elkhart.

He had lived in Shipshewana since 1972.

Mr. Felder was a member of Shore Mennonite Church and worked for Chuck Colson Prison Ministries for 24 years

He was born Aug. 22, 1925, in Savannah, Ga., to Charles R. and Bessie Mae (Frame) Felder. He married Mary Ruth Boyer on June 28, 1946, in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra Felder, Sheila and Clifford Johnson and Theresa Felder, all of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Bobbi Felder of Prairie du Sac, Wis.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ernest L. Felder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Rainbow Years Learning Ministry.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Scott Hodge

TOPEKA — Scott M. Hodge, 41, of Topeka died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Hodge was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He was a partner with Jenny Krautser in an Amish transportation company.

Mr. Hodge attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church near Wolcottville.

He was an avid Lakeland basketball and volleyball fan and enjoyed tractor pulls.

He was born Dec. 23, 1965, in LaGrange to Ivan R. and Elizabeth B. (Gard) Hodge. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Pamela K. Riley of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dennis D. Hodge of LaGrange and Gordon L. and Kristin Hodge of Hudson; and his business partner, Jenny Krautser of Wolcottville.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church near Wolcottville with the Rev. Brad Garrett officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Bernice Kauffman

FREMONT — Bernice M. Kauffman, 98, of Fremont died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Kauffman

Mrs. Kauffman was born Sept. 22, 1908, in Steuben County to James and Hattie (Smith) Mingus. She was a homemaker.

She was married to Stanley B. "Butch" Kauffman on March 15, 1928, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Feb. 29, 2000.

She enjoyed her cats, crocheting, quilting and watching TV.

Surviving are a niece and her husband, Virginia and Lester "Bud" Dellinger of Angola; friends Jack Charles and Bruce and Mavis Moody, all of Fremont, and Jean Martin of Angola; and cousins Harris and Maxine Smith and Richard and Helen Swander, all of Fremont, and Doris Burkhart of Florida.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Lakeside Cemetery, PO Box 81, Fremont, IN 46737.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 15, 2007, Thursday

Iva Hardy

RUTHER GLEN, Va. — Iva Pearl Hardy, 88, of Ruther Glen and formerly of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Southern Maryland Hospital Center in Clinton, Md.

Mrs. Hardy lived in Fort Wayne a short time, then at Adams Lake near Wolcottville from 1972 to 1989 and had been a legal secretary in LaGrange County. She lived in Ruther Glen since 1990.

She was born Jan. 7, 1919, in Alto, Texas, to Ervin and Anna Mae (Martin) Burns. She married Ralph E. Hardy in Liberty, Texas, on Feb. 27, 1943. He died April 17, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sue and William Daoulas of Washington, D.C., and Sharon Anderson of Brandywine, Md.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Wolcottville.

Calling will two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Maurice Wright

HUNTINGTON — Maurice E. Wright, 94, of Huntington died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Norwood Nursing Center in Huntington.

Mr. Wright was born Nov. 3, 1912, in Huntington to Clarence E. and Viola B. (Fry) Wright. He retired in 1974 after 22 years with S.S. Kresge Distribution Center in Fort Wayne. Prior to that, he worked for 15 years at Imco Manufacturing in Huntington.

He was married to Juanita B. Buse on Aug. 31, 1940, at the Central Christian Church in Huntington. She preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 2004.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2689, both in Huntington. He also belonged to American Legion Post No. 31 in Angola.

He lived most of his life in Huntington, but resided in Angola for 30 years. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1931. He was a World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Air Force as a staff sergeant during the Asiatic-Pacific Tour.

Surviving are a brother, Clarence Wright Jr. of Indianapolis; and a sister, Helen Wells of Deming, N.M.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, George Wright; and a sister, Agnes Jarvis.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with the Rev. Jerry Felts officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Huntington.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church or Huntington County Humane Shelter.

Online condolences can be left at www.baileylove.com.

Susie Greve

CHURUBUSCO — Funeral services for Susie Irene Greve of Blue Lake near Churubusco have been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Mrs. Greven died at noon Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Private burial will be Saturday in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 15, 2007, Thursday

Earl Hamilton Sr.

ST. JOE — Earl R. Hamilton Sr., 88, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007. at Hickory Creek at Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. Hamilton was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army, 161st Combat Engineers. He was awarded four Bronze Stars for his service in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Rhineland. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years and at Frazer Farm Equipment in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 18, 1919, in Hettie, W.Va., the son of James A. and Martha (Boggs) Hamilton.

He married Leila Gruber on April 4, 1943. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Cheryl Hamilton of Hicksville; two grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Jennifer Hamilton of Waterloo and Chantelle and Jeff DeFrain of Leo; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Virginia Nickleson Prince of Bridgeport, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville. Pastor Jerry Lewis of Grace United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be at Scipio Cemetery near Harlan with military honors.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6–8 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grace United Methodist Church or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 15, 2007, Thursday

Peggy Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Peggy A. Scott, 65, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been admitted Feb. 2.

Mrs. Scott had been employed with King-Seeley and Eaton Corp. in Kendallville since 1975.

Mrs. Scott

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1959.

Mrs. Scott enjoyed hummingbirds and crocheting and loved her dog, Starr. She always looked forward to spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott was born July 30, 1941, in Butler to Jay Ross and Carrie Marie (Marx) Thompson. Her parents preceded her death. She married Eldon Leo Scott on July 2, 1960, in Kendallville and he preceded her death April 6, 2006.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Debra Scott, Mark Scott and Craig Scott, all of Kendallville, and Dennis Scott of Cromwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Anne and James Williams and Kami and Anthony Conroy, all of Kendallville; three sisters, Edna Miller of Litchfield, Ky., Donna Morrow of Fort Wayne and Virginia Chard of Angola; a brother, Richard Thompson of Washington; 11 grandchildren, Abigail Cox, Brandon Scott, Zane Scott, Fawn Scott, Meagan Williams, Heather Scott, Andrew Williams, Tyra Williams, Brendan Conroy, Cody Conroy and Joshua Conroy; and six great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Jarett, Madelyn, Collin, Kalli and Kace.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Ralph Thompson; and a sister, Patty Thompson, who died at an early age.

Services wereSunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Maria Iwankowitsch

CROMWELL — Maria Iwankowitsch, 93, of Cromwell died at 6:53 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Iwankowitsch moved to Wawaka from Belarus in 1957 and to Cromwell in 1963.

Mrs. Iwankowitsch

She was a homemaker and had worked in the cafeteria at Cromwell Elementary for 25 years and was a janitor at Cromwell State Bank for 10 years.

Mrs. Iwankowitsch loved gardening and taking care of her house and family.

She was born Sept. 22, 1913, in Glibotschchka, Belarus, to Jacob and Sophia (Weluga) Stanul. She married Alexander Iwankowitsch on Feb. 5, 1939. He died Feb. 29, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sina and Robert Scott of Ligonier; a son and daughter-in-law, Alex and Jean Iwankowitsch Jr. of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Kirk Scott of Fort Wayne, Nicole Iwankowitsch of Warsaw and Danielle Scott of Cromwell; three stepgrandchildren, Beth Long of Sarasota, Fla., Steve Dixon of Cromwell and Jill Short of Fort Wayne; seven greatgrandchildren; six stepgreatgrandchildren; and seven stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday at Ligonier Presbyterian Church with Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

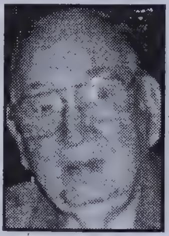
Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 16, 2007, Friday

Herbert Kandel

AUBURN — Herbert A. Kandel, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.


Mr. Kandel

Mr. Kandel was an insurance agent and broker with Equitable Life Assurance Co. for 23 years, retiring in 1998.

A World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and the Auburn Rotary Club. He attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born Nov. 17, 1923, in Butler. His parents, Howard J. Kandel and Helen (Smurr) Kandel Hose, preceded him in death.

On Nov. 30, 1946, in Waterloo, he married Ethel M. Ackerman. She died Jan. 9, 2001.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen Premer of Auburn and Linda and Rick SanPietro of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Gweneth Kandel of Butler; a sister, Lila Jean McConnel of West Virginia; two grandchildren, Stacy Sparkman and Brady Sparkman; and one great-granddaughter, Starr Sparkman.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathryn Hall.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Vivian Shepherd

KENDALLVILLE — Vivian Maxine Shepherd, 88, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Shepherd

In her earlier years, Mrs. Shepherd was employed with Fort Wayne Tailoring and then retired from McCray Hospital in Kendallville many years ago.

Mrs. Shepherd attended The Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville.

She liked to tend to her flowers and vegetable garden and enjoyed sewing. She also liked to fish, hunt, travel with her husband and feed the wild animals in her backyard.

Mrs. Shepherd will be remembered as being a good cook.

She was born in Auburn on Jan. 28, 1919, to Oral and Pearl (Jackson) Peckhart. She married Alex Shepherd in January 1949.

Her husband is her only survivor.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ronald and Norman Peckhart; and a sister, Velma Maybee.

Services will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Zaundra Hicks officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Bernice Kauffman

FREMONT — Bernice M. Kauffman, 98, of Fremont died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Kauffman was born Sept. 22, 1908, in Steuben County to James and Hattie (Smith) Mingus. She was a homemaker.

She was married to Stanley B. "Butch" Kauffman on March 15, 1928, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Feb. 29, 2000.

She enjoyed her cats, crocheting, quilting and watching TV.

Surviving are a niece and her husband, Virginia and Lester "Bud" Dellinger of Angola; nephew Jack C. Rollins of Fort Wayne; friends Jack Charles and Bruce and Mavis Moody, all of Fremont, and Jean Martin of Angola; and cousins Harris and Maxine Smith and Richard and Helen Swander, all of Fremont, and Doris Burkhart of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a niece, Betty L. Rollins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Lakeside Cemetery, P.O. Box 81, Fremont, IN 46737.

Robert Dorbush Jr.

FREMONT — Robert Allen Dorbush Jr., 51, of Fremont, died Feb. 14, 2007, at his home in Fremont.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Dorbush of Fremont; and two sons, Charles Dornbush of Angola, and Robert Dornbush of Fremont.

Information on services is pending.

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February 17, 2007, Saturday

Rebecca Cool

HAMILTON — Rebecca A. Cool, 55, of Hamilton, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, in Butler.

Mrs. Cool was a homemaker. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Butler. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed playing bingo and cards.

She was born Aug. 21, 1951, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Max and Lois (Smith) Fetzer. Her father preceded her in death, and her mother survives in Hamilton.

She married Thomas Cool on Sept. 9, 1968, in Pleasant Lake, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Alicia Cool and Toby and Kim Cool, all of Hamilton; four grandchildren, Dustin Cool, Ryan Cool, Myileigh Cool and Adam Cool; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Charles Peter of Hicksville; and a brother, Max Fetzer Jr. of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Cathie Baker, and a grandmother, Olive Snyder.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Hamilton United Methodist Church with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Harlan Huffman

AUBURN — Harlan C. Huffman, 69, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Huffman was a veteran of the Army Medical Corp. He worked as a supervising medical technologist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 14 years and retired in 2004. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club and attended Day Spring Community Church, Auburn.

Mr. Huffman was born June 15, 1937, in Steuben County to Russell and Elsie (Lemmon) Huffman. They preceded him in death.

He married Wendy (Broadwater) Huffman on May 25, 1978, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Brett Huffman of Avilla and Adam Huffman of Kendallville; two daughters, Carmen Fleck of Rome City and Heide Mosier of Auburn; one brother, Lloyd Huffman; and four grandchildren, Lisa, Ethan, Gavin and Olivia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Barton Huffman.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 17, 2007, Saturday

Kevin Shipe

SPENCERVILLE — Kevin R. Shipe, 41, of Spencerville, died Thursday morning, Feb. 15, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Shipe worked as a heavy equipment mechanic for Brooks Construction for several years and currently was working for Pyramid Excavating in Auburn.

Mr. Shipe

He was a member of Hopewell United Brethren Church. He was a former Auburn Police reserve officer and was a member of Local 150 Midwestern Operating Engineers.

He was born June 29, 1965, in Fort Wayne to Don and Jan (Duff) Shipe. They survive in Fort Wayne.

He married Monica Sawyer on June 28, 1986, at St. Joseph United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne. She survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are two sons, Dustan Shipe of Fort Wayne and Dexter Shipe of Spencerville; two grandchildren, Tyler Patrick Shipe and Kayleigh Ann Shipe, both of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Karen Shipe of Union, Ky.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Melanie and Mark Schweyer of Fort Wayne and Karin Ramey of Lexington, Ky.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Hopewell United Brethren Church, 6800 C.R. 35, Auburn, with Pastor John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hopewell United Brethren Church Building Fund, 6800 C.R. 35, Auburn, IN 46706.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handing arrangements.

The Families of Tracey Ann Asher would like to thank everyone for their kindness during the illness and loss of Tracey.

Thank you,
Shirley & Kenneth Guenther & Families
Rex Asher & families

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 18, 2007, Sunday

Parker's life marked by family, friends, music

BY AMY OBERLIN
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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Ceara Deming, Alan Parker, Jake Parker, Vicki Parker and Samara Parker are shown enjoying time together a few years ago.

"I shed a tear 'cause I'm missing you
I'm still all right to smile
Girl, I think about you every day now
Was a time when I wasn't sure
but you set my mind at ease
There is no doubt
You're in my heart now ..."

The microphone cut in and out as Austen Brauker spoke during Alan Parker's memorial service the morning of Feb. 10 at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

While Brauker's words could be heard in the hushed funeral parlor, people in adjoining lobbies got a few blasts of audio:

"I am passed."

"Love your family and friends."

These words could have come from Alan himself, whose short life was marked by a love of adventure and people. Family and friends, happiness and laughter were the focus of Alan's life.

Alan, 36, succumbed to primary brain cancer on Feb. 6, after a five-year battle. He died at home surrounded by his family, which includes wife Vicki and children Ceara, 16, Jacob, 15, and Samara, 11. Alan's parents are Hal and Joy Parker, who operate Parker Heating and Air Conditioning, where Alan worked.

"He thoroughly enjoyed his work, which he often expressed by a characteristic whistling as he performed his job," his wife, Vicki, wrote in his printed obituary.

Alan's upbeat attitude always showed. He had an easy smile and laugh. He loved puns, and was always ready to help his friends and neighbors.

"He was always there for us," said Vicki's mother, Jan Goes, whose husband is Bob Goes Sr. "He would have done anything for anybody any time."

Their son, Bob, calls Alan a brother. Alan did not like the phrase "brother-in-law," Bob said, "because he treated every member as immediate family." Alan's brother, Don, lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Gwen, and children Drew and Morgan.

"He prized his family and was proud to be a husband and father," wrote Vicki.

"He enjoyed playing and listening to music, spending time with his family and friends, carousing with his dogs, and laughing, especially around a campfire."

Alan and Vicki attended Angola High School, graduating in 1988. They were married in an intimate ceremony on June 6, 1991, in Fremont. The couple's family dog, Gretchen, attended the marriage and their brothers stood up for them.

"The greatest thing about Vicki and Alan was they loved each other. They really, truly loved each other," said Pam Potts of Fremont. "You always felt good being around Alan."

Sandy Austin of Angola agreed. "He was the most positive person I ever encountered," she said.

Friends speak of Alan's easy-going demeanor and his kindness.

"He's been my inspiration," said Bob Jr. "If I could be more like any one person as I try to become a better person, being more like Alan gets me closer to that goal."

Alan carried a "general attitude of kindness and compassion," Bob said.

"If you knew Alan, you loved him," said Jan. "If you didn't love him, you didn't know him."

At his funeral, "Patience" by Guns N' Roses and two Grateful Dead songs — "The Wheel" and "They Love Each Other" — were played. All speak of making the most of life and the unfathomable depths of love.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 18, 2007, Sunday

Faustino Talamantes

FORT WAYNE — Faustino Talamantes, 54, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007. Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

Ruby O'Brian

ASHLEY — Ruby L. O'Brian, 88, of Ashley, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007. Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

Fernandis Graber

LAGRANGE — Fernandis R. Graber, 78, of LaGrange died at 11:16 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Mr. Graber was a retired farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Dec. 22, 1928, in Middlebury to Albert J. and Fannie (Miller) Graber.

He married Barbara I. Yoder on Feb. 15, 1951, in Nappanee. She died Aug. 17, 1969. He then married Suvilla Stutzman in Jamesport, Mo., on Sept. 10, 1970. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lester and Rebecca Graber of Yoakum, Texas, Vernon and Esther Graber of Hillsboro, Wis., and Henry and Leah Graber of LaGrange; four daughters and sons-in-law, Wilma and Gerald M. Miller of Sugarcreek, Ohio, and Ruby and John I. Bontrager, LeAnn Graber, and Irene Graber, all of LaGrange; 26 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Daniel M. Miller of Goshen; and two sisters-in-law, Fanny Graber of Bronson, Mich., and Opal Graber of Seymour.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Edna Bontrager and Polly Troyer; five brothers, Henry Graber, Elmer Graber, Simon Graber, Ora Graber and Alvin Graber; and one grandson, Timothy Graber

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Jerry Miller residence, 3120N. C.R. 400W, LaGrange, with Bishop John Lambright and the Home Ministers officiating. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence, 2550N. C.R. 400W, LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent to the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors.*

Harlan Huffman

AUBURN — Harlan C. Huffman, 69, of Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Huffman was a veteran of the Army Medical Corp. He worked as a supervising medical technologist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 14 years and retired in 2004. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club and attended Day Spring Community Church, Auburn.

Mr. Huffman was born June 15, 1937, in Steuben County to Russell and Elsie (Lemmon) Huffman. They preceded him in death.

He married Wendy (Broadwater) Huffman on May 25, 1979, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Brett Huffman of Avilla and Adam Huffman of Kendallville; two daughters, Carmen Fleck of Rome City and Heide Mosier of Auburn; one brother, Lloyd Huffman; and four grandchildren, Lisa, Ethan, Gavin and Olivia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Barton Huffman.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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Donald Delauder

AUBURN — Donald Fay Delauder, 63, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Delauder was a machinist and UAW union steward at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1998.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association and enjoyed his grandchildren, deer hunting and gardening.

He was born June 12, 1943, in Phillipi, W.Va., to Stanley and Pearl H. (Bryan) Delauder. They preceded him in death.

On March 13, 1965, in Pleasant Lake, he married Nancy Faye Malcolm. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas W. and Danielle Delauder of Union, Ky., and Denny Fay Delauder of Wapakoneta, Ohio; two grandsons, Logan and Landon Delauder of Union, Ky.; two granddaughters, Lauren Delauder of Union, Ky. and Natalie Hall of Urbana, Ohio; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Winfield and Ruthann Delauder of Garrett, Randy and Dorothy Delauder, also of Garrett, Andy and Mina Delauder of Auburn, and Denver and Ellen Delauder of West Virginia; and two sisters, Virginia Capiola of West Virginia and LuRay Weaver of Ohio.

A brother, Carl Delauder, and five sisters, Auldeine, Velvadeen, Oleda and Myrtle Delauder and Vera Poling, preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor David Misner officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

To sign an online guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneral-home.org.

Merrill Miller

FORT WAYNE — Merrill A. Miller, 85, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Garrett and North Manchester, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller worked as a welder at Fruehauf Trucking in Fort Wayne for 31 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Monroeville, American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He was born Nov. 3, 1921, in Silver Lake to Glen A. and Ruth A. (Deaton) Miller. His parents preceded him in death.

His first wife, Patricia H. (McClish) Miller, and his second wife, Winifred Shafer Miller, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Kelly Miller of Indianapolis and David and Carol Miller of Crossville, Tenn.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Vicki and Eric Hodge and Karen Miller Toohill, all of Fort Wayne; a special companion, Rosemary Cooper of Leo-Cedarville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Kenneth and Kathy Miller of Fort Wayne, and Myron and Jean Miller of North Manchester; a sister and brother-in-law, Colleen and Jim Hayes of South Whitley; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Gary Cooper officiating. Military honors will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund, which honors the sons and daughters of America's fallen heroes.

To sign an online guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneral-home.org.

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Jack Keyes

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Keyes, 61, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a six-year battle with cancer.

Mr. Keyes

Mr. Keyes had been employed with Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for more than 28 years.

He graduated from Oakhill High School in 1963 and entered the United States Army during the Vietnam War in 1967 serving his country until 1969. He was a Purple Heart recipient.

Mr. Keyes was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville where he served as a deacon and had belonged to the men's club.

He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Converse and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

Mr. Keyes loved spending time with his family, camping and square dancing in his earlier days. He loved horses and horseback riding, hunting, fishing and woodworking. He also enjoyed making knives out of deer antlers.

He was born in Huntington on July 16, 1945, to John Alexander and Zelma Emiline (Hoag) Keyes and raised in Converse, Ind. He married Connie Jo Pollock on Oct. 20, 1972, in Kendallville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Tyson Keyes of Auburn and Timothy Keyes of South Milford; two daughters and sons-in-law, Staci and Joel Bruce of El Paso, Texas, and Lanisa and John Dodson of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Allen Gael of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Conner and Emma Bruce and Taylor Dodson.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1996 and his mother in 2005.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Rick Beiswanger, Kim Beiswanger, Jeff Croy, Don Olsen, Tony Bartlett and Dave Preston. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack Cogan and Jerry Becker.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County 4-H Horse and Pony Club, Presbyterian Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruby O'Brian

ANGOLA — Ruby L. O'Brian, 88, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. O'Brian

Mrs. O'Brian was born in Sturgis, Mich., on Jan. 5, 1919, to Harold and Fern May (Sullivan) Goodrich. She was raised by her foster parents, Herman and Ethel Frehse of Corunna. She had been employed at Lutheran Home in Kendallville for many years, and she retired from Brighton Mushroom Farm.

She married Harold Leo O'Brian on March 17, 1944, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 1973.

She enjoyed watching TV.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Margaret "Judy" and Jerry Bushey of Ashley and Sandy and Brian Worthman of Decatur; a son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Patricia O'Brian of Sellersburg; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Combs.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

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Goldie Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Goldie Miller, 84, of Middlebury died at 10:37 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She enjoyed making quilts and weaving rugs.

She was born Feb. 11, 1923, in Middlebury to Jacob and Elizabeth (Lehman) Miller. She married Samuel E. Miller on Dec. 9, 1943, in Middlebury. He died June 30, 1997.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Fern Miller, Leo and Lorene Miller and Glen and Esther Miller, all of Middlebury, Samuel Jr. and Patti Miller of Carson City, Nev., and Marvin and Nena Miller of Goshen; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lorene and Ernie Lambright of Shipshewana and Elva and Allen Bontrager of Middlebury; a sister, Clara Bender of Avilla; a brother, Alvin Miller of Millersburg; 38 grandchildren; and 84 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two grandsons; a great-granddaughter; two sisters, Sylvia Schrock and Fannie Eash; and a brother, Monroe Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the John Bontrager residence at Middlebury with the Rev. Daniel Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Henry

NEW CARLISLE — Barbara Henry, 95, of New Carlisle and formerly of Chicago and Syracuse died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at Hamilton Communities in New Carlisle where she had been a resident since Oct. 1, 2003.

Services are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier.

Ruth Knox

LIGONIER — Ruth L. Knox, 86, of Ligonier and formerly of Cromwell died at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had been a resident since Nov. 29, 2006.

Services are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier.

Lula Haston

LAGRANGE — Lula M. Haston, 86, of LaGrange died at 5:10 p.m. Sunday at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Faustino Talamantes

FORT WAYNE — Faustino Talamantes, 54, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007.

Mr. Talamantes was born in Amherst, Texas on Dec. 17, 1952, to George R. and Cruz Salazar Talamantes. He was employed by Lincoln Food Services since 1983.

He married Cynthia Warner on Dec. 27, 1995, and she survives. He was a devout Christian and a member of First Assembly Church of God. He was a member of the Sheet Workers Union.

Also surviving are his parents in Florida; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Faustino and Michelle Talamantes, Rick and Karen Talamantes, Anton and Melissa Talamantes, Andre Talamantes and Gabriel Talamantes, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Linda Rivas of Florida; nine brothers, George Jr., Oscar, Mario, Fernando, Francisco, Larry and David, all of Florida, and Mike and Ramiro, both of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nicole.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Assembly of God Church, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. A luncheon will follow services Wednesday.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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Frances Belyea

FORT WAYNE — Frances Ellen Culbertson Belyea, 76, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Heritage Park Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Belyea was a tester with Magnavox for 25 years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church and Widows to Widows.

She was born Aug. 23, 1930, in Stryker, Ohio, to Clyde S. and Mary M. (Roth) Cox.

Surviving are her husband, Donald M. Belyea of Bradenton, Fla.; two daughters, Nancy L. Stopher of Fort Wayne and Margaret A. Gordon of Indianapolis; a brother, Clyde S. Cox Jr. of Auburn; a sister, Donelda M. Hook of Georgia; two grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Leslie L. Culbertson; one son, Michael A.; two sisters, Vivian Chick and Wynona Converse and triplet infant brothers.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Dennis Roberts officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 1:30-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith Baptist Church or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Marion Rhoads

HOWE — Marion Rhoads, 88, of Howe died at 5:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

S. Ruth Nestel

CHURUBUSCO — S. Ruth Nestel, 95, of Churubusco died at 10:10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at The Oaks in Columbia City where she had been a resident since November 2006.

Among her survivors are a daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Russell Egolf of Churubusco; a son, Dale A. Nestel of Westerville, Ohio; and a daughter-in-law, Connie Nestel Teghtmeyer of Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsanechilds.net.

Lula Haston

LAGRANGE — Lula M. Haston, 86, of LaGrange died at 5:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange where she had been a resident since 1998.

Mrs. Haston

Mrs. Haston had worked at Trans-O-Gram in Sturgis, Mich., for 14 years and at Miller's Merry Manor for 13 years.

She was born Feb. 17, 1921, in Putnum County, Tenn., to Ado Dell and Gertie (Evans) Bolin. She married Claude L. Haston on Dec. 18, 1940, in Pikeville, Tenn. He died Oct. 21, 1993.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-laws, Margaret and J.R. Sheley and Marcella Mountz, all of Stroh, and Donna and Rick Hulsebos of Nashville, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and JoAnn Haston and Jerry and Iva Haston, all of LaGrange; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, JoAnn Terry in 1993; a brother, Emmitt Bolin; a sister, Vina Lee Mynhier; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery with her grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Support Group.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Charles Elson

INDIANAPOLIS — Charles Robert "Bob" Elson, 91, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, in Speedway.

Mr. Elson was born Feb. 11, 1916, in Garrett. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in civil engineering. During World War II, he worked for Kaiser Shipbuilding in the district office in Oakland, Calif. He retired in 1981.

He was a longtime member of Speedway Christian Church and the Westward Ho Camping Club. He enjoyed painting, music and photography and sang in a choir for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Ann; a son, Tom; a daughter-in-law, Carol, a granddaughter and her husband, Lorie and Josh Scott; a great-granddaughter, Erica Scott; and a sister, Sarah Beyer and her family.

A private graveside service took place at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center, 2706 Kessler Blvd., West Drive, Indianapolis.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Speedway Christian Church.

Calling will be Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice or to Speedway Christian Church.

Thomas Criswell

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Thomas O. Criswell, 67, of Lake St. Claire, Olympia died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at his home.

Mr.Criswell retired from the United States Army and was a Vietnam veteran. He owned Tom's Barber Shop in Rainier.

He was a Mason and enjoyed gardening, fishing, traveling and sports.

He was born Dec. 26, 1939, in Rome City to Allen and Vera (Ackerman) Criswell. While stationed in France, he married Marie Moreaud. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Thomas Protti; a son, Thierry Criswell; two grandchildren, Jacob and Amanda Protti; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Edward J. Criswell of Stroh, Fred and Garnet Criswell of Maysel, W.Va., and Larry Criswell and Michael and Sue Criswell, all of Wolcottville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bonnie Amerman of Kendallville and Barbara and Kenneth VanWagner of Rome City; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Hazel Bloomfield; and six brothers, Louis, Richard, Arthur, Paul, Dean and Garmon.

Calling was Monday at Woodlawn Funeral Home Chapel in Lacey.

Burial will be today in Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a reporter's errors.*

Robert Dornbush Jr.

FREMONT — Robert Allen Dornbush Jr., 51, of Fremont died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at home.

Surviving are his wife, Cindy Dornbush of Fremont; and two sons, Charles Dornbush of Angola and Robert Dornbush of Fremont.

Information on services is pending.

Joseph Schneider

FREMONT — Joseph A. Schneider, 82, of Fremont died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007 at home.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Clyde Raifsnider Jr.

STURGIS, Mich. — Clyde R. Raifsnider Jr., 85, of Sturgis died at 3:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Heartland Health Care Center in Three Rivers. He had been ill since December 2006.

Mr. Raifsnider had moved to Sturgis 14 years ago from White Pigeon where he had lived most of his life.

He had worked at White Pigeon Paper Mill for 47 years.

Mr. Raifsnider was a graduate White Pigeon High School and a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Pacific Theater in World War II.

He enjoyed yard work, tinkering in his shop and keeping his riding mower running.

He was born Feb. 18, 1921, in White Pigeon to Clyde and Mary (Calusio) Raifsnider Sr. He married Inez Sharp and she died in 1984. He then married Joyce Grabe and she died in 2005.

Surviving are his children, Linda and Kenneth Yoder and Larry and Diana Raifsnider, all of White Pigeon, John Raifsnider of Sturgis and David and Jeanne Grabe of Battle Creek; three stepchildren, Norman and Janet Grabe and Carol and Gary Sturgis, all of Sturgis, and Douglas and Sandy Grabe of Kalamazoo; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Shelley Grabe; a brother, Harry Raifsnider; and three infant siblings.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Farrand Funeral Home in White Pigeon with Sister Maxine McGee SSJ of St. Joseph Catholic Church in White Pigeon officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Commission on Aging.

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Bobby Albright

WATERLOO — Bobby L. "BL" Albright, 81, of Waterloo died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Albright

A lifelong DeKalb County resident, he was born to Howard "Doc" and Jessie Lower Albright on May 28, 1925.

He graduated from Waterloo High School in 1943 and joined the Army. As a member of the 24th Division, he served his country in New Guinea, the Philippines, Leyte and the Japanese mainland. He was a decorated veteran, receiving the Bronze Star for Heroic Achievement, the Victory Medal and a Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

On June 5, 1948, he married Vereda Boman, and they moved to Bloomington, where Mr. Albright earned a business degree from Indiana University.

Returning to Waterloo, Mr. Albright and his father-in-law formed Boman and Albright, a fuel oil distributorship. The family business expanded into Hoosier Propane, L&L Leasing, Domex Inc., DeKalb Oil and Sulpher Springs Agra.

Mr. Albright was a quiet community volunteer, starting as a volunteer firefighter, Pony League coach, Boy Scout leader and member of the Lions Club, the Masonic Temple, Knights of Pythias, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and DeKalb Disabled Veterans. He also served on the DeKalb County Election Board and as president of the Waterloo Grant Township Library Board and was the social concerns chair of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Mr. Albright was one of a small group of people who built and maintained the Waterloo Little League field and association, where generations of children have participated in sports. In later years, he became more of a community activist, supporting causes through debate and letters to the editor.

Mr. Albright taught his five children, five grandchildren, nieces and nephews and anyone who chose to become part of the Albright family to become Chicago Cubs and Indiana University fans, politically aware liberal Democrats, patriotic, respectful of the environment, how to fish and vote, and the location of good restaurants. He excelled in baking pies and fruitcakes, making sauerkraut, cooking breakfast and frying fresh fish.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Vereda; three sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Sarah Albright of Hamilton, Lee and Karen Albright of Fort Wayne and Adam and Tammy Albright of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Joni Albright and Edward Lutz of Indianapolis and Ellen Meyer of Auburn; and five grandchildren, Theodore Lutz, Clark Albright, Jessica Albright, Audrey Albright and Madeline Albright.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jack Albright.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Waterloo Grant Township Public Library, Waterloo United Methodist Church or Waterloo Athletic Association.

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Logan Peterson

ALBION — Logan Mitchell Peterson, 7, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Logan Peterson

Logan had received a heart transplant when he was 3 weeks old.

He was a kindergarten student at Albion Elementary School. He was known to have a wonderful imagination, loved Mickey Mouse and wanted to be a firefighter just like his father.

Logan was born Jan. 26, 2000, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Surviving are his father, Bryan Peterson of Albion; his mother and stepfather, Amanda (Barclay) and Mike Howard of Albion; two sisters, Allyssa and Courtney Peterson, both at home; a brother, Maverick Peterson, at home; a stepbrother, Drew Howard of Garrett; a stepsister, Devin Howard of Garrett; paternal grandother, Mary Peterson of Albion; maternal grandparents, Steve and Arlinda Barclay of Flippin, Ark.; stepgrandparents, Ronnie and Brenda Howard of Plant City, Fla., Linda and PeeWee Wilson of Albion, Emmet Bachellor of Albion and Neal Barclay of Monroeville; a special friend, Jake Schott of Albion; and many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Chuck Peterson in January 2000.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Riley Children's Hospital Transplant Program or to the family.

Jannette Francies

AUBURN — Jannette L. Francies, 71, of Auburn died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Francies worked in the video department at Scott's Food Store in Auburn. She also had worked as a clerk at General Electric in Fort Wayne and at Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in Auburn.

She was a member of Zion 16 Lutheran Church in rural Garrett.

She was born Oct. 7, 1935, in Auburn to Lawrence and Evelyn R. (Whitacre) Votrie. They preceded her in death.

She married Harry W. Francies on March 20, 1976, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra J. and Darold Kessler of Columbia, Tenn., and Pamela J. and Bryan Reynolds of Rome City; a stepson, Harry Francies Jr. of Fort Wayne; four stepdaughters, Connie Smith, Sandra Williams, Lynne Tyson and Rebecca Preston, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Judy Ann Ford of LaGrange; three grandchildren and their spouses, Mitchell and Kimberly Kessler, Marc and Machelle Kessler and Laura and Roger Holley; and six great-grandchildren, Carly Kessler, Anthony Kessler, Grace Kessler, Andrew Kessler, Emma Holley and Dane Holley.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandchild, Evlyn Kessler.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Brett Conrad

KENDALLVILLE — Brett Conrad, 33, of Goodyear, Ariz., and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007.

He is the son of Paula Conrad of Kendallville and the late Danny Conrad.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Ila Coburn

ST. JOE — Ila L. Coburn, 92, of St. Joe died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Coburn was a housewife. She owned and operated Northside Doll Hospital in St. Joe.

She was born July 30, 1914, in Ohio to William and Hazel (Henley) Monroe. They preceded her in death.

She married Victor G. Coburn on Nov. 4, 1933, in DeKalb County. He died in 1977.

Surviving are two sons, William G. Coburn of St. Joe and Calvin G. Coburn of Fayetteville, N.C.; two daughters, Leatrice J. Lothamer of New Haven and Leah J. Isham of Garrett; 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandchild and a brother, Frank Monroe.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville, with Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Friday from 2-6 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Unit of the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706.

Wilma Smith

ANGOLA — Wilma Ann Smith, 93, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was born April 1, 1913, in Fort Jennings, Ohio, to Frank and Rose (Martin) Boberg. She married Morris "Pete" Smith on Dec. 29, 1960.

She was employed at Wolf and Dessauer and Grand Leader in Fort Wayne. She also owned Wilma's Town and Casual in Fort Wayne and Colony Dress Shop in New Haven and Waynedale. She was also a member of the New Haven order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Judy David of Angola, along with seven grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Lloyd David, her second husband, Morris "Pete" Smith; a daughter, Carla Hudecki; a son, Robert David; one sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

Calling will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Memorials are to be made to the donor's choice.

Thomas Criswell

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Thomas O. Criswell, 67, of Lake St. Claire, Olympia died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Criswell retired from the United States Army and was a Vietnam veteran. He owned Tom's Barber Shop in Rainier.

He was a Mason and enjoyed gardening, fishing, traveling and sports.

He was born Dec. 26, 1939, in Rome City to Allen and Vera (Ackerman) Criswell. While stationed in France, he married Marie Moreaud. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Thomas Protti of Olympia; a son, Thierry Criswell of Olympia; two grandchildren, Jacob and Amanda Protti; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Edward J. and Donna Criswell of Stroh, Fred and Garnet Criswell of Maysel, W.Va., and Larry Criswell and Michael and Sue Criswell, all of Wolcottville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bonnie Amerman of Kendallville and Barbara and Kenneth VanWagner of Rome City; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Hazel Bloomfield; and six brothers, Louis, Richard, Arthur, Paul, Dean and Garmon.

Calling was Monday at Woodlawn Funeral Home Chapel in Lacey.

Burial was Tuesday in Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Gloria Burkey

LAGRANGE — Gloria Ann Burkey, 69, of LaGrange died at 6:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, in Elkhart General Hospital following an extended illness.

From 1996 to 2000 she served as a missionary in Donesk, Ukraine, working with university students to develop Hope Church.

She spent 26 years with CTS of Elkhart and a number of years at A.R.C. Opportunities in Howe.

Mrs. Burkey

Mrs. Burkey was a member of Lake Missionary Church where she served as children's director. She served several years as a Bible teacher through the Steuben County Association of Churches. She enjoyed sharing the love of Christ with others, playing Scrabble, playing the piano and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Oct. 18, 1937, in Goshen to William and Lela Belle (Snodgrass) Hartman. She married Ralph Burkey on May 3, 1956, in Mississippi. He died Sept. 3, 1980.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Jeff Grate of Bronson, Mich.; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Daniel and Erin Burkey of Granger, Stephen and Lisa Burkey of Howe, Jonathan and Twyla Burkey of Lima, Ohio, David and Juanita Burkey of Hamilton and Peter Burkey of LaGrange; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Wanda and Robert Hooley of California Corners, Mich., and Carol and Roy Parker of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Betty Hartman of Union, Mich.; and 19 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Reuben Grate.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church at Shipshewana with Pastor Mike Cain and the Rev. Bob Renner officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Hope Church, Donesk, Ukraine.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Marion Rhoads

HOWE — Marion M. "Dusty" Rhoads, 88, of Howe died at 5:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Rhoads

Mr. Rhoads had been a welder most of his life. He also owned and operated Rhoads Chainsaw Sales and Service.

He was born April 16, 1919, in Butler to Scott and Ethel (Love) Rhoads. He married Betty Jean Wolfe in 1941 in Kentucky. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are his companion, Joan Evilsizor; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Keith and Claireann Rhoads of Edgerton, Ohio, Phil Rhoads of Galesburg, Mich., and Curtis and Sandy Rhoads of Hudson; two daughters, Barbara and Dan McCoy and Rachel and Mel Bontrager, all of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Dale Gerig of Jamestown Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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S. Ruth Nestel

CHURUBUSCO — S. Ruth Nestel, 95, of Churubusco died at 10:10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at The Oaks in Columbia City where she had been a resident since November 2006.

Mrs. Nestel

Mrs. Nestel had been a bookkeeper at Churubusco Hatchery for 11 years and retired in 1973 after 11 years of service as bookkeeper at Central Soya in Churubusco.

She was an active member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women's Charity Circle. She was a 75-year member and past worthy matron of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 and a member of Smith Township Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Nestel was born Oct. 20, 1911, in Smith Township to Samuel and Alice (McGuire) Beavers. She married Abe D. Nestel on Oct. 20, 1929, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 23, 1994.

Surviving are two children and their spouses, Dale and Janet Nestel of Westerville, Ohio, and Martha and Russell Egolf of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law, Connie Nestel Teghtmeyer of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roger Nestel; a sister, Maxie McCoy; and a brother, Thomas Beavers.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice of Whitley County.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

David Siddall

ANGOLA — David J. Siddall, 60, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Siddall was born Oct. 22, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Ralph and Sarah (Stoehr) Siddall.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a supervisor at Project Help and formerly worked at the Rosewood Bar and Grill in Angola. He enjoyed fishing and helping people.

He is survived by two sons, Steven Siddall and Shane Siddall, both of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Karole Miller of Fort Wayne, and Kandy Moonen of Angola; as well as three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Rod Wilson will officiate.

Calling will be an hour before services.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Project Help of Steuben County.

Ruth Knox

LIGONIER — Ruth L. Knox, 86, of Ligonier died at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Knox spent her entire life in the West Noble community.

She had been employed at Essex Wire in Ligonier and Riblets in Syracuse. During the 1940s and 1950s she owned and operated the Country Store in Indian Village.

Mrs. Knox enjoyed quilting and making comforters.

She was born June 28, 1920, in Kimmell to Wayne and Lena (LeCount) Thunander. She married Wayne C. Knox and he died in 1954.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vonda and Gary Barnes of Columbia City; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ronald and Marlene Knox of Kimmell, Jim and Cindy Knox of Fort Wayne and Roger Knox of Bear Lake; a sister, Anna Patrick of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Bertie Price and Donna Seidner; and her companion of 20 years, Dean Holden in December 1991.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation and the American Heart Association.

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Robert Huffman

LAGRANGE — Robert F. Huffman, 83, of LaGrange died at 1:05 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Huffman had been employed at Farmers State Bank most of his life.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and received the EAME Theatre Ribbon, two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Ribbon and Victory Medal for World War II.

He was born Sept. 17, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Frank and Mary (Bushong) Huffman. He married Margaret Lower in 1947 in Fremont. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Patricia Huffman and Matthew and Jessica Huffman, all of LaGrange, Mark Huffman of Fort Wayne, Kurt Huffman of Howe and Kent Huffman of Athens, Ga.; eight grandchildren, Bailey Huffman, Riley Huffman, Natalie Huffman, Robert Huffman, Christopher Huffman, Ryan Huffman, Ashley Huffman and Shajnett Huffman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Kristi Huffman.

Private family services will be held Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Private family calling will be held Thursday.

Memorials are to the Council on Aging in LaGrange or Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Cletus Yoder

TOPEKA — Cletus Yoder, 82, of Topeka died at 12:08 a.m. Tuesday at his home.

Mr. Yoder was a retired farmer, carpenter and furniture maker.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 11, 1924, in Davis County to Amos and Emma (Graber) Yoder. He married Susie Ellen Lambright on Feb. 27, 1947. She died June 6, 2005.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Katherine and Earl Slabaugh of Bremen and Shirley and John Borkholder of Goshen; seven sons and five daughters-in-law, Wilbur and Maria Yoder and Mark Yoder, all of Topeka, Glenn Yoder of Elkhart, Robert and Brenda Yoder of Wolcottville, James and Jane Yoder of Goshen, Garry and Brenda Yoder of Millersburg and Larry and Ginger Yoder of Hegins, Pa.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Katie and LeRoy Nissley of Wolcottville and Fannie and Harvey Lambright of Topeka; four brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Lily Yoder of Sarasota, Fla., Jacob and Emma Yoder of LaGrange, Simon and Elsie Yoder of Goshen and John and Lydia Yoder of Arcadia, Fla.; 25 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Kevin Yoder in November 2004; a sister, Lena Shell; and four brothers, Noah, William, Joseph and Amos Yoder.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Nelson Schlabach residence, 6810 S. S.R. 5, Topeka, with Bishop Wayne Jay Miller, the Rev. John Yoder and the Rev. Amos Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family home.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Longtime sportscaster Dick DeFay dies at 81

FORT WAYNE — Well known Fort Wayne sportscaster Dick DeFay died Tuesday.

DeFay spent four decades on the sports scene in Fort Wayne.

He spent 41 years with WKJG (now WISE-TV, Channel 33).

DeFay, 81, joined WKJG in 1955 and worked for the station and its AM and FM radio stations until the early 1970s. He retired in 1996.

He was a native of Hillsdale, Mich., and began his broadcasting career as a disc jockey in Butley, Idaho.

DeFay hosted "Sports Today with Dick DeFay" and served as color commentator with Hilliard Gates for high school basketball games.

He was also a TV broadcaster for Komet hockey games in the 1960s.

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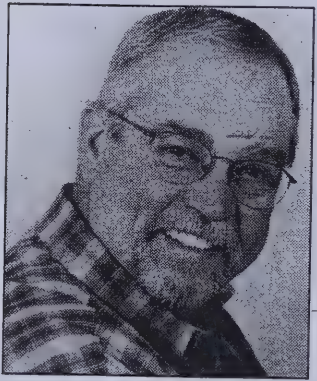

Jack Keyes, 61

KENDALLVILLE – Jack Keyes, age 61, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne following a six year battle with cancer.

Jack was born in Huntington on July 16, 1945 to John Alexander and Zelma Emiline (Hoag) Keyes and raised in Converse, Indiana.

He graduated from Oakhill High School in 1963 and entered the United States Army during the Vietnam War in 1967 serving his country until 1969. He was a Purple Heart Recipient.

On October 20, 1972 in Kendallville, he married Connie Jo (Pollock) Keyes.

Jack was employed with Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for 28+ years and a member of the American Legion Post #86. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville where he served as deacon and belonged to the men's club in the past. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Converse, Indiana

Jack loved spending time with his family, camping and square dancing in earlier days. He loved horses and horseback riding, hunting and fishing, and woodworking. He also enjoyed making custom made knives out of deer antlers

Survivors include: wife, Connie Keyes of Kendallville; two sons, Tyson Keyes of Auburn and Timothy Keyes of South Milford; two daughters and sons-in-law, Staci and Joel Bruce of El Paso, Texas and Lanisa and John Dodson of Avilla; three grandchildren, Conner and Emma Bruce and Taylor Dodson, sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Allen Gael of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1996 and his mother in 2005.

The service to Celebrate the Life of Jack Keyes was on Wednesday, at Hite Funeral Home with Rev. Stanley Kessler officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.Preferred Memorials may be made to Noble County 4-H Horse and Pony Club, Presbyterian Church or the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home

Casketbearers will be Rick Beiswanger, Kim Beiswanger, Jeff Croy, Don Olsen, Tony Bartlett, Jerry Becker, and Honorary bearer, Jack Cogan.

View a video tribute (by Tuesday pm) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Goldie Miller, 84

MIDDLEBURY — Goldie Miller, 84, of Middlebury died at 10:37 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She enjoyed making quilts and weaving rugs.

She was born Feb. 11, 1923, in Middlebury to Jacob and Elizabeth (Lehman) Miller. She married Samuel E. Miller on Dec. 9, 1943, in Middlebury. He died June 30, 1997.

Surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Fern Miller, Leo and Lorene Miller and Glen and Esther Miller, all of Middlebury, Samuel Jr. and Patti Miller of Carson City, Nev., and Marvin and Nena Miller of Goshen; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lorene and Ernie Lambright of Shipshewana and Elva and Allen Bontrager of Middlebury; a sister, Clara Bender of Avilla; a brother, Alvin Miller of Millersburg; 38 grandchildren; and 84 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two grandsons; a great-granddaughter; two sisters, Sylvia Schrock and Fannie Eash; and a brother, Monroe Miller.

Services were Wednesday at the John Bontrager residence at Middlebury with the Rev. Daniel Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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George N. Frymier, 71

TRAIL CREEK – George N. Frymier, 71, Trail Creek, died Wednesday (Feb. 7, 2007) at St. Anthony Memorial.

The funeral was Monday at Root Funeral Home with the Rev. Jon Hall officating. Burial was in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens.

George was born Sept. 26, 1935, in Albion, IN, to L. Edgar and Marguerite (Cunningham) Frymier. They preceeded him in death. On Dec. 20, 1985, in Kendallville, IN he married Jacquelyn Ritchie, who survives.

Survivors also include four sons, Jay (Susan) Frymier, Indianapolis, Christopher (Kerry) Frymier, Midland, MI, Todd (Becky) Frymier, Fort Wayne, IN, and Joel (Liz) Frymier, Hilliard, OH; three stepchildren: Kim (Terry) Rebich, Michigan City, IN, Dan (Shannon) Wojcik, Western Springs, IL, and Michelle (Donnie) Thompson, Michigan City, IN; 15 grandchildren, Christopher Frymier, Kurtis Frymier, Conner Frymier, Emily Frymier, Alec Frymier, Adam Frymier, Mary Harris, Paul Harris, Nick Rebich, Hannah Rebich, Lily Wojcik, Sam Wojcik, Sophie Thompson and Colin Thompson.

One sister, Donna Biddell, and one brother, Mac Frymier, also preceded George in death.

George was a salesman at Hirsch Ford-Lincoln-Mercury for more than 15 years, He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during the Korean War. George was a member of Moose Family Center 980. He was an avid golfer and loved to play cards with his friends. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather.

George was a friend to all who met him and will be missed dearly.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the charity of the donor's choice.

Michael Grant Persinger, 57

ALBION – Michael Grant Persinger, 57 died Tuesday, February 13, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Burial will be in Richwood, WV at a later date. Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Michael was born Oct. 7, 1949, in Richwood, WV to Cecil True and Ruth Persinger. They preceeded him in death.

Survivors also include two sons, James M. (Jonel) Persinger of FL and Dana (Carla) Persinger of FL; two daughters, Becky (Glen) Hill of Colorado and Crystal (Kurtis) Dixon of FL; seven grandchildren, Jimmy and Bobby Fenstermaker, Adain Persinger, Montanna Pesinger, Byran Persinger, Alexis Dixon, and Angel.

Michael was a truck driver for Guardian Industries. He was a Vietnam Veteran.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Albion Fire or Police Department.

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Harlan C. Huffman, 69

AUBURN — Harlan C. Huffman, 69, of Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2007, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Huffman was a veteran of the Army Medical Corp. He worked as a supervising medical technologist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 14 years and retired in 2004. He was a member of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor Club and attended Day Spring Community Church, Auburn.

Mr. Huffman was born June 15, 1937, in Steuben County to Russell and Elsie (Lemmon) Huffman. They preceded him in death.

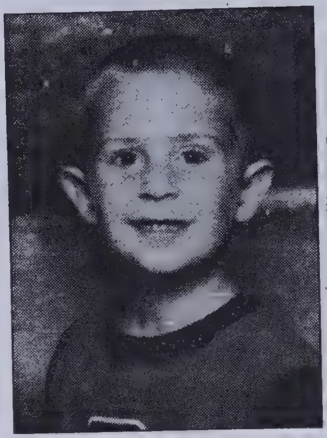
He married Wendy (Broadwater) Huffman on May 25, 1979, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Brett Huffman of Avilla and Adam Huffman of Kendallville; two daughters, Carmen Fleck of Rome City and Heide Mosier of Auburn; one brother, Lloyd Huffman; and four grandchildren, Lisa, Ethan, Gavin and Olivia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Barton Huffman.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.



Logan Mitchell Peterson, 7

ALBION – Logan Mitchell Peterson, 7, of Albion died in the early morning hours of February 20, 2007 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Logan was born January 26, 2000 at the IU Med Center in Indianapolis and was the recipient of a heart transplant at the tender age of three weeks. His parents are Bryan Peterson of Albion and Mike and Amanda (Barclay) Howard of Albion.

He was a kindergartener at Albion Elementary School and had a wonderful imagination. He loved Mickey Mouse, cooking and wanted to be a fireman.

Surviving besides his parents are two sisters: Allyssa and Courtney Peterson and one brother Maverick Peterson of Albion along with one step-brother Drew Howard and one step-sister Devon Howard of Garrett. Grandparents: Steve and Arlinda Barclay of Flippin, Arkansas. and Mary Peterson of Albion. Step-grandparents: Ronnie and Brenda Howard of Plant City, Florida. Great-grandparents: Linda and PeeWee Wilson of Albion, Cathy and Emmet Bachellor of Albion and Neal Barclay of Monroeville. Special friend Jake Schott of Albion. He is survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding him in death was grandfather Chuck Peterson.

Calling will be at the Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion Friday, Feb. 23, 2007 from 1-7 and also one hour prior to service. Service will be Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 at 11 AM at Trinity United Methodist Church of Albion with the Rev. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church of Albion, the Riley Hospital Transplant Unit, or to the familv.

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Richard Hess

ELKHART — Richard H. Hess, 69, of Elkhart died at 9:05 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Hess

Mr. Hess had been a self-employed contractor for 23 years.

He was a member of the Michiana Emmaus Community.

Mr. Hess was a graduate of Concord High School. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy and 10 years in the U.S. Air Force.

He enjoyed bowling, golfing and all sports, especially Notre Dame football, the Cubs and the Bears.

He was born July 17, 1937, in Elkhart to Harold and Agnes (Hettinger) Hess.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Steve Blacklaw of Elkhart and Michel and Brad Gilliland of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Micky Hess of Mishawaka and Patrick and Melissa Hess of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara Funkhouser and Janet and Don Chupp, all of Elkhart; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Hess, and a sister, Patricia Marchand.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at New Hope United Methodist Church, 28765 C.R. 4, Elkhart, with Pastor Lee Campbell officiating. Members of the Disabled American Veterans No. 19 will conduct military services following the funeral.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, 1531 Cobblestone Blvd., Elkhart, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Ribbon of Hope Inc., 600 East Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46516.

Condolences may be sent online to www.stemmlawson-peterson.com.

Robert Huffman

LAGRANGE — Additional memorials have been listed for Robert F. Huffman of LaGrange. who died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

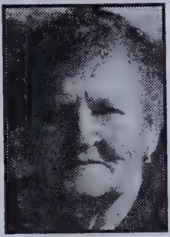
Memorials are to the benefit for Kyla Fryer at Lake City Bank in care of the LaGrange Volunteer Fire Department, 1201 N. Townline Road, LaGrange, IN 46761, the Council on Aging in LaGrange or Riley Children's Hospital.

Private family services were today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with burial in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Janis Bunnell

FORT WAYNE — Janis Bunnell, 68, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, in Fort Wayne.


Mrs. Bunnell

Mrs. Bunnell had worked as a cook at Lester's Diner and as a security officer for Securitas. She was retired.

She was born Oct. 8, 1938, in Bryan, Ohio, to Virgil and Eloise (Engle) Pursel.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Robert Nave of Fort Wayne, Virginia "Ginny" and Howard Clark of Fremont and Denise and Chuck Starry of Antwerp, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Harry and Tina Bunnell of Montpelier, Ohio, and James and Kathy Bunnell of Van Wert, Ohio; a sister, LouAnna Grant of Defiance, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Scott, Daniel, Stephanie, Justin, Darbie and Dylan.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Leah Carr.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Burr Funeral Home and Crematory in Bryan, Ohio. Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery near Pulaski, Ohio.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Fort Wayne or Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.burrfh.com.

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Ralph Vires

BUTLER — Ralph R. Vires, 82, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at his home in Butler.

Mr. Vires worked as a metal handler at Bohn Aluminum for 23 years, retiring in 1987. He attended the Butler Church of the Nazarene. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Dec. 19, 1924, in Jackson, Ky., to Price and Nannie Lou (McIntosh) Vires. They preceded him in death.

He married Plina O'Conner on Dec. 13, 1947, in Jackson, Ky., and she survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Pryce and Susan Vires of Butler; three daughters and sons-in-law, Lucy Faye and Richard DePew of Auburn, Doris Jean and Richard Henkel of Tucson, Ariz., and Joyce Vires Freeman and Robert Freeman of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Lou Vires of Scottsburg; two half brothers, Bobby Riley and Paul Riley, both of Jackson, Ky.; two half sisters, Juanita Rona of Chicago and Carmie Moore of London, Ky.; eight grandchildren, Angela Richards, Norman Dohner Jr., Timothy DePew, Sara DePew, Amanda Pask, Elisha Vires, Heather Vires and Leslie Vires; and five great-grandchildren, Isaiah Chenca, Spencer Pask Baughman, Caleb Sattison, Caiden Sattison and Haunnah DePew.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Ralph "Edward" Dohner High.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Elias Waters

BUTLER — Elias "Fat" Waters, 89, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home, Butler.

Mr. Waters was a lifetime farmer. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

He was born July 9, 1917, in Allen County to Virgil and Stella (Bell) Waters. They preceded him in death.

He married Beaulah Madden on Aug. 16, 1938. She died Nov. 30, 1989.

Surviving are a sister, Irene Fifer of Hamilton, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Warren Waters.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Chester Brown

Mr. Brown

ANGOLA — Chester Brown, 59, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown was born in Hazard, Ky., on Aug. 22, 1947, to Claude and Verda (Bowling) Reed. He was the owner of C&C Auto Sales in Angola for 13 years and attended North Scott Christian Church.

He married Pauline Holcomb on March 14, 1967, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and their companions, Jeri Brown and Michael Sanders of Angola and Robin Wilson and Jarrod Charlton of Salem Center; and three grandchildren, Dustin Pennington, Chandler Wilson and Kateara Wilson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. David Wilson officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Joseph Schneider

SNOW LAKE — Joseph A. Schneider, 82, of Snow Lake died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at home.

Mr. Schneider was born Sept. 12, 1924, in Toledo, Ohio to Walter Schneider and Lillian (Philes) Koch. He was a retired bailiff for Lucas County Court, and was also the former police chief of Baltimore, Ohio and deputy sheriff for Lucas County.

He was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Loyal Order of the Moose, and was also a Shriner and a Mason.

He married Virginia H. Northcutt on Oct. 18, 1945. She preceded him in death on Jan. 27, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl Lynn and Mick Gould of Findlay, Ohio; a son, Joseph A. Schneider Jr. of Fremont; a granddaughter, Kelly C. Schneider of Benton, Ariz.; three grandsons, Kurt J. Schneider of Mansfield, Ohio, Bradley R. Clifford of Tucson, Ariz. and Matthew E. Clifford of Findlay; a sister, Zelda Mae Woitzel of O'Fallon, Ill.; his companion, Donna Worman of Fremont; and two great-granddaughters.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health & Hospice or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences are to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add information.*

Wilma Smith

ANGOLA — Wilma Ann Smith, 93, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was born April 1, 1913, in Fort Jennings, Ohio, to Frank and Rose (Martin) Boberg. She married Morris "Pete" Smith on Dec. 29, 1960.

She was employed at Wolf and Dessauer and Grand Leader in Fort Wayne. She also owned Wilma's Town and Casual in Fort Wayne and Colony Dress Shop in New Haven and Waynedale. She was also a member of the New Haven order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Judy David of Angola, along with seven grandchildren. She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Lloyd David, her second husband, Morris "Pete" Smith; a daughter, Carla Hudecki; a son, Robert David; one sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

Calling will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Memorials are to be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Dornbush

FREMONT — Robert Allen Dornbush Jr., 51, of Fremont died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Dornbush was born Jan. 7, 1956, in Fremont to Robert Sr. and Geneva (Brant) Dornbush. He worked at Leclede Steel in Fremont, and had also worked for Millgrove Landscaping for seven years. He was a member of the Angola Pool League.

He was married to Cynthia Echler on Dec. 26, 1984, and she survives.

Also surviving are his parents in Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles and Shannon Dornbush of Angola and Robert Dornbush III of Fremont; a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Shelley Dornbush of Coronna, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Stan Silver of Rome City; and two grandchildren, Olivia and Aiden.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fremont Community Church. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
February 22, 2007, Thursday

Ruth Knox

LIGONIER — Ruth L. Knox, 86, of Ligonier died at 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Knox spent her entire life in the West Noble community.

She had been employed at Essex Wire in Ligonier and Riblets in Syracuse. During the 1940s and 1950s she owned and operated the Country Store in Indian Village.

Mrs. Knox enjoyed quilting and making comforters.

She was born June 28, 1920, in Kimmell to Wayne and Lena (LeCount) Thunander. She married Wayne C. Knox and he died in 1954.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vonda and Gary Barnes of Columbia City; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ronald and Marlene Knox of Kimmell, Jim and Cindy Knox of Fort Wayne and Roger Knox of Bear Lake; a sister, Anna Patrick of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Bertie Price and Donna Seidner; and her companion of 20 years, Dean Holden in December 1991.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today (Thursday) at the funeral home.

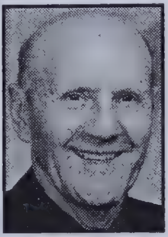
Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation and the American Heart Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 23, 2007, Friday

Charles Aumsbaugh

KENDALLVILLE — Charles William "Bill" Aumsbaugh, 78, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb., 22, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Aumsbaugh was employed with Puritan Ice Cream Co. in Kendallville for about 30 years. He then worked for Steckley's Mill and Hatchery in Kendallville for a short time and retired from J.O. Mory in South Milford after 10 years of service.


Mr. Aumsbaugh

He was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville where he ushered, served communion and was a member of the Yardbirds men's group. He and his wife had been longtime active members of Wayne Center United Methodist Church and enjoyed being involved with the ice cream socials there.

Mr. Aumsbaugh was a past member of the Kendallville Lions Club and American Legion Post 86.

His family was most important to him and he enjoyed watching the "Lawrence Welk Show," traveling, collecting old cars and working in his yard.

Mr. Aumsbaugh was born in Wayne Township in Noble County on Oct. 17, 1928, to Herschel C. and Florence Viola (Ferguson) Aumsbaugh.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1948 and married Cloanna Swogger on June 5, 1949, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Carolyn Aumsbaugh and Thomas and Cathy Aumsbaugh, all of Kendallville, and Stanley and Karla Aumsbaugh of Fort Wayne; five grandsons and their spouses, Brandon and Sarah Aumsbaugh of Wolcottville, Justin Aumsbaugh of Kokomo, Joel and Leslie Aumsbaugh and Jonathan Aumsbaugh, all of Kendallville, and Jared and Amber Aumsbaugh of Avilla: and four great-grandchildren, Daylyn, Tyler, Ethan and Landon Aumsbaugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Donald, Robert, and Herschel, Jr.; and a half sister, Elmo Dee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, corner of Waits Road and S.R. 3, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Brandon, Justin, Joel, Jared and Jonathan. Honorary bearers are Galen Swogger and Ronald Swogger.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and also one hour before the funeral service at the church.

Preferred Memorials are to the National Alzheimer's Association, Provena Sacred Heart Home or First Christian Church.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Lambright

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ruth A. Lambright, 92, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

She was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She had operated Ruth's Truck Stop in Ligonier.

She was born May 22, 1914, in LaGrange County to Alvin Sr. and Martha (Moore) Lambright.

Surviving are a brother, Alvin E. Lambright Jr. of Wolcottville.

Ms. Lambright

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at LaGrange Missionary Church with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange Missionary Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

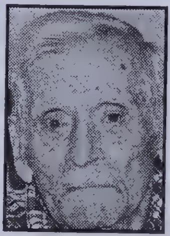
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 23, 2007, Friday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the fuenral home.*

Marion Rhoads

HOWE — Marion M. "Dusty" Rhoads, 87, of Howe died at 5:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Rhoads had been a welder most of his life. He also owned and operated Rhoads Chainsaw Sales and Service.


Mr. Rhoads

He was born April 6, 1919, in Butler to Scott and Ethel (Love) Rhoads. He married Betty Jean Wolfe in 1941 in Kentucky. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are his companion, Joan Evilsizor; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Keith and Claireann Rhoads of Edgerton, Ohio, Phil Rhoads of Galesburg, Mich., and Curtis and Sandy Rhoads of Hudson; two daughters, Barbara and Dan McCoy and Rachel and Mel Bontrager, all of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Services were today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Pastor Dale Gerig of Jamestown Church officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Doris Hatfield

EUSTIS, Fla. — Doris Ellen Hatfield, 86, of Eustis and formerly of Kendallville died Monday, Dec. 25, 2006, in Florida.

Mrs. Hatfield had lived at Bayview Nursing Home the past eight months.

She was born June 6, 1920, in Lakeville to Samuel and Bertha (Krontz) Jenks. She married John T. Hatfield on Aug. 25, 1940, in Butler. He died in 1993.

Survivors include a sister, Pauline Hamman of Morristown, Tenn., and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; and six sisters, including Helen Gould of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be held March 3 at 1 p.m. at First Church of God, corner of Oak and Mitchell streets in Kendallville.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

John Pierce Sr.

BUTLER — John W. Pierce Sr., 87, of Butler, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Born in Indianapolis, Mr. Pierce worked as a technician at Auburn Motor Sales for 40 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1942 to 1945. He enjoyed fishing and singing.

Surviving are his wife, E. Marilyn Pierce of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, John W. Pierce Jr. and Phyllis Pierce of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jerry Monarch of Leesburg, Fla.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Stacy Boxberger and her husband, Scott, of Waterloo, Gary Pierce of Butler, Perry Patterson of North Carolina and Shane Patterson and his wife, Loy, of Montana; and two great-grandchildren, Jeffrey and Paige Boxberger of Waterloo.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

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Katherine Dowden

AUBURN — Katherine "Kathy" Louise Dowden, 52, of Auburn, died Wednesday morning, Feb. 21, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dowden worked as a cashier at Wal-Mart in Auburn and attended Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 18, 1955, in California to Donald and Louise (Tait) Spears.

She married David Dowden on Dec. 30, 1998, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, her mother, a sister, brother and several grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Vernon Culbertson

AUBURN — Vernon D. Culbertson, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007.

Service arrangements are pending at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Ruth Gearhart

BUTLER — Ruth Gearhart of Butler died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Service arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home in Butler.

Martha Lyons

ANGOLA — Martha M. Lyons, 76, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Dale Alleshouse

PLEASANT LAKE — Dale W. Alleshouse, 93, of Pleasant Lake died today, Friday, Feb. 23, 2007.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provided additional information.*

Wilma Smith

ANGOLA — Wilma Ann Smith, 93, of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was born April 1, 1913, in Fort Jennings, Ohio, to Frank and Rose (Martin) Boberg. She married Morris "Pete" Smith on Dec. 29, 1960.

She was employed at Wolf and Dessauer and Grand Leader in Fort Wayne. She also owned Wilma's Town and Casual in Fort Wayne and Colony Dress Shop in New Haven and Waynedale. She was also a member of the New Haven order of Eastern Star.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Judy David of Angola, along with seven grandchildren, Gregory David of Fort Wayne, Scott David of Angola, Richard David of Pleasant Lake, Julie Snyder of Gilbert, Ariz., Mike Hudecki of Fort Wayne, Mark Hudecki of West Chicago, Ill., and Joe Hudecki of Lexintgon, Ky. She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Lloyd David, her second husband, Morris "Pete" Smith; a daughter, Carla Hudecki; a son, Robert David; one sister; and two brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate.

Burial will be at Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to be made to the donor's choice.

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Kenneth Heffelfinger

BRYAN, Ohio — Kenneth L. Heffelfinger, 88, of rural Bryan, Ohio, died at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Hillside Country Living near Bryan, where he was a resident.

Mr. Heffelfinger was a 1937 graduate of Hicksville High School and a lifelong farmer and elevator man. He was employed by the Bryan Elevator, the Thaman-Fox Elevator, Challenge Cook, the Edgerton Lumber Co. and Williams Landmark, from which he retired in 1985.

He was affiliated with the Melbern United Methodist Church and the Farm Bureau. He was an avid wood worker and gardener and the owner of Craftsman Lumber.

He was born Nov. 24, 1918, in DeKalb County to Henry Wallace and Pearl (Bauer) Heffelfinger.

He married Mary P. Chaney on Sept. 15, 1942, in Hicksville, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Marilyn Heffelfinger of Edon, Ohio, Richard and Karen Heffelfingerof Reading, Mich., and John and Rebecca Heffelfinger of Bryan, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Mike Bowman of Bryan, Ohio; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one stepgranddaughter; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wendell and Clara Heffelfinger of Hicksville, Ohio, and Darrell and Beverly Heffelfinger of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Justin Heffelfinger.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, with Pastor Diane Schaffner officiating. Interment will be in Six Corners Cemetery near Hicksville, Ohio.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Melbern United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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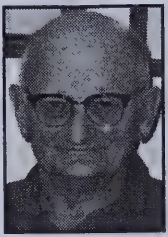
February 24, 2007, Saturday

Vernon Culbertson

AUBURN — Vernon D. Culbertson, 84, of Auburn, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Culbertson

Born in rural DeKalb County, Mr. Culbertson was the owner of Culbertson Sales and Service for 35 years, retiring in 1991. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6572 of Waterloo.

Mr. Culbertson graduated from Auburn High School in 1940. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and farming and was an avid woodworker.

He married Eleanor Bartles on March 10, 1946, in Auburn. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Calvin and Kim Culbertson and Wayne and Jean Culbertson, all of Auburn; five grandchildren, Adam Culbertson of Bloomington, Chase Culbertson of Auburn, Rachel Boles and her husband, Scott, of Fort Wayne, and Taylor and Olivia Culbertson, both of Auburn; two great-grandchildren, Makenna and Carson Boles of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, William and Julia Culbertson of Broken Arrow, Okla.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and David Carmen of Indio, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Timothy Andrew Culbertson, and his parents.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military services by American Legion Post 97 and VFW Post 6572.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. and Monday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the VFW Home, 3573 S. Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, Mich., or the American Heart Association.

Jeffery Brown

AUBURN — Jeffery L. Brown, 51, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at his home in Auburn.

He was born July 31, 1955, in Auburn to Clyde and Patricia A. (Moran) Brown. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Aaron L. Brown and Casey L. Brown, both of Auburn; a brother, Dennis Brown of Ashley; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Don Thacker of Auburn; and his companion, Pam Hancock.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ruth Gearhart

BUTLER — Ruth N. Gearhart, 78, of Butler, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Aug. 13, 1928, in rural Butler, to George S. and Esther E. (Hose) Cotrill. They preceded her in death.

She married Bert M. Gearhart on Nov. 26, 1948, in Angola. He died June 14, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Roger Petre of Butler; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Marc Gearhart of Butler and Brett and Lora Gearhart of Butler; a sister, Alice Tumbleson of Butler; six grandchildren, Suzanne Petre, Lisa Lilly, Valarie Johnson, Taylor, Whitney and Lexi Gearhart; and five great-grandchildren, Alissa Egly, Jessica Dennison, Tessa Dennison, Derek Lilly and Bryce Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Guy Smith.

Private family services have taken place with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial was in the Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Memorials are to Butler Girls Softball, P.O. Box 112, Butler, IN 46721.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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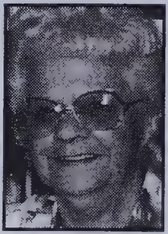
Martha Lyons

ANGOLA — Martha M. Lyons, 76, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at St Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Lyons

She was a beautician for 15 years and owner of Town & Country Beauty Shop, and she also worked at Tokheim in Fremont.

She was born April 3, 1930, in Jamestown Township in Fremont to Firm and Fern (Kellogg) Champion.

An avid euchre card player at various Steuben County locations, she was a member of the Fremont Community Church, Angola Moose Lodge and the Red Hat Society.

Surviving are one daughter, Debra and the Rev. Lowell Pocock of Siler City, N.C.; one granddaughter, Leah Marie (Patrick) Haggerty of McChord Air Force Base, Wash.; one grandson, Lowell B. Pocock Jr. of Asheboro, N.C.; one sister, Cora Collins of Marshall, Mich.; and one brother, Jack Champion of South Bend.

Preceding her in death were her parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating.

Burial will take place at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont Community Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneral-home.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the fuenral home.*

Elias Waters

BUTLER — Elias "Fat" Waters, 89, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Waters was a lifetime farmer. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in World War II.

He was born July 9, 1917, in Allen County to Virgil and Stella (Bell) Waters. They preceded him in death.

He married Beaulah Madden on Aug. 16, 1938. She died Nov. 30, 1989.

Surviving are a sister, Irene Fifer of Hamilton, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Russell and Warren Waters.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Waterloo Cemetery with the Rev. John Boyanowski officiating.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Dale Alleshouse

PLEASANT LAKE — Dale W. Alleshouse, 93, of Pleasant Lake died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at 12:55 a.m. at his residence.

A member of the Steuben County Farm Bureau, he was a retired farmer and an avid fisherman. He was a 1933 graduate of Flint High School.

He was born in Steuben County on Sept. 23, 1913, to Carl and Fannie (Courtright) Alleshouse.

On May 23, 1933, he married Ida Arlene Davis. She died Feb. 14, 1998.

Surviving are a son, Ray Alleshouse of Pleasant Lake; a daughter-in-law, Doris Alleshouse of Kendallville; one brother, Donald Alleshouse of Florence; one sister, Byrdena Boots of Hudson; six grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Cecil and Lyn Alleshouse; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with the Rev. Howard G. Compton officiating.

Burial will be at Flint Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dale Alleshouse, Chris Alleshouse, Curt Alleshouse, Ed Richey, Bob Burkhart and Jim Courtright.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salem Center Fire Department or Salem Center Presbyterian Church Ladies Auxiliary.

Condolences are to johnson@bnin.net.

Helen Martin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Helen L. Martin, 94, of Wolcottville died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at her daughter's home.

Services are pending with Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
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Brett Conrad

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Brett David "Marti" Conrad, 33, of Goodyear, Ariz., and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at Palm Valley Hospice Center in Goodyear following a brief illness.

Mr. Conrad

Mr. Conrad will be remembered for his faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, his love of the Arizona outdoors, his extensive knowledge of computers and his unique sense of humor.

He was born in Kendallville on Jan. 23, 1974, to Danny Lee and Paula Jane (English) Conrad.

A 1992 graduate of Eastside High School, he was actively involved in drama and band. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Western International University in Phoenix and was working on obtaining his master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

He was employed with Harman Consumer Group, JBL Inc. of Phoenix as a data analyst since 1999.

Surviving are his wife, Omega Conrad of Goodyear; his mother, Paula Conrad of Kendallville; two brothers; Dylan Conrad of Albion and Daniel Conrad of Kendallville; a half brother, Chris Rimmel of Fort Wayne; paternal grandmother, Olive Conrad of Kendallville; three nieces, three nephews, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Danny Lee Conrad, on June 25, 2000, and grandfather, Lloyd M. Conrad, in October 2001.

Maurice Pinkham

METZ — Maurice Orville Pinkham, 75, of Tennessee and formerly of Metz, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007.

He was an alumni of Tri-State University.

He was born Dec. 13, 1931.

He is survived by one sister, Barbara; a former wife, Bonnie Pinkham of Bryan, Ohio; four sons, Richard Pinkham of Caliente, Nev., Jeff Pinkham of Bryan, Ohio, Russell Pinkham of Hamilton one daughter, Rena Pinkham of Ionia, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A private memorial will be held by the family at a later date.

Donations can be sent to Jeff Pinkham.

Arrangements are by Dilday Funeral Home of Huntingdon, Tenn.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Rich Laskowski and the Rev. Dan Utz officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour before the services on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Cancer Association.

View a video tribute (by Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Vonita Brumbaugh

NORTH MANCHESTER — Vonita Ruth Brumbaugh, 88, of North Manchester died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at 12:30 a.m. at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

A 1936 graduate of Albion High School, Mrs. Brumbaugh was a supervisor of office services at Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 36 years after retiring in 1981.

She was born in Noble County to William H. and Ella Caroline (Zumbrun) Brumbaugh.

She was involved with Timbercrest Auxiliary and was a member of the 25-year Club at Rea Magnet Wire. She was a member of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne.

Surviving is her best friend, Madeline Bashore, at Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Webster.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be today at 10 a.m. at Timbercrest Chapel in North Manchester with the Rev. Olden Mitchell and Chaplain Joan Deeter officiating.

Burial will take place at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be today from 9 to 10 a.m. at Timbercrest Chapel.

Memorials are to Timbercrest Senior Living Community, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester, IN.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the Brumbaugh family at delaughtermckee.com.

Funeral arrangements are by DeLaughter-Mckee Mortuary of North Manchester.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 24, 2007, Saturday

Marge Andelin

KENDALLVILLE — Marge Andelin, 80, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Andelin

She sold advertising for 17 years for Welcome Wagon in four counties in northeastern Indiana.

She was also the first female life insurance agent for Mutual Security Life Insurance Co. of Fort Wayne and in earlier years worked for The News-Sun.

Mrs. Andelin was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where she belonged to the Lydia Circle, a charter member and past president of the Northeastern Indiana Life Underwriters, and a Komet hockey fan for 40 years. She enjoyed playing with her Duplicate and Bridge clubs.

On April 1, 1926, she was born in Toronto, Ohio, to Harry Lloyd and Emma Mae (McClain) Pittenger.

She graduated from Toronto High School in 1943 and married Carl Russell Andelin on April 29, 1950. He preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Victor and Karen Andelin of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Jeff Zerkle of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Arlene Bruner of Cordova, Ala.; four grandchildren, Greg and Rae Andelin of Fishers, Jeff Andelin of Fort Wayne, and Matt and Sarah Jones of Auburn; one great-granddaughter, Taylor Andelin; and a sister, Marian Winn of Largo, Fla.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John and Robert Pittenger.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to the services on Tuesday at the church.

Preferred memorials may be made to Trinity Church or the Community Food Bank of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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A life of caring and dedication

Karen Denney loved her job as an obstetrics nurse

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KENDALLVILLE — Every so often you hear of a person whose life truly was filled with dedication to others, who loved her job and in return was loved by those who knew her.

Karen Denney was one of those people.

Karen passed away on Feb. 4, just three days before her 60th birthday and one day shy of her 35th anniversary as a caring and dedicated nurse at McCray Memorial and Parkview Noble hospitals in Kendallville.

"She really did love her job," said her daughter, Amy Schroeder of Ligonier. "I don't know too many people that can say that, especially after 35 years."

Sue Sherer, RN, worked with Karen for more than 20 of those years.

"She was the best boss, co-worker and friend," Sherer said. "She always called me her 'right hand,' and I was proud to be that for her."

The two nurses worked together when Karen was manager of the hospital's obstetrics (OB) department. They were responsible for assisting with the delivery of thousands of babies to Noble County families.

"Karen was such a giver," added Sherer. "She put everyone else ahead of herself. She'd work double shifts so her staff could have vacation or the time off they wanted."

Another former co-worker of Karen's is Pat Gensic, RN, who now serves as the Noble County public health nurse. While Karen worked in OB, Pat worked on the hospital's "Med-Surg" area, which shared a floor with OB, eventually becoming manager of that department.

"She was a wonderful co-worker, a good buddy and a great friend," Gensic said. "As we got into management together, we went to some training seminars and workshops together. When I took my present position and Karen moved into Infection Control, we had the occasion to work together a few times again and attended a couple seminars together."

Hospital administrators also recognized Karen's compassion.

"She had a unique quality that allowed her to genuinely connect with the patients and employees at the hospital," stated Dave Hunter, Parkview Noble Hospital chief operating officer. "Karen was just as comfortable working alongside the physicians as she was talking and assisting the staff in all areas of the hospital. There is no doubt about it — she was a very special person."

Both family members and friends said Karen was very proud of being a nurse. That was one reason she wanted to be involved in starting up the Health Occupations Education (HOE) program at the hospital. HOE allows high school students to take instruction and work at the hospital for experience before pursuing further education in a medical field.

One former HOE student, Emily Leamon, LPN, now works as a nurse for the Parkview Medical Group in Ligonier, but before that, she worked for Karen in OB at the former McCray Memorial Hospital.

"Karen hired me right out of nursing school. I didn't even have a resume," Leamon shared. "She taught me a lot of what I know. She took me in. I'm so grateful to her for giving me that chance."

Evelyn Ransburg, RN, tells a similar story about Karen giving her the opportunity to work in OB.

"I had always wanted to work in OB and was waiting for an opportunity. Karen interviewed me, hired me and took me under her wing," Ransburg added. "She had an amazing energy level. She could work a double shift and be as upbeat at the end of it as she was at the start. She always had a smile on her face."

Ransburg said Karen was a kind and selfless manager

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"She made sure her staff was taken care of. She did whatever was necessary to make us comfortable. She would help out so we could have the vacation time we'd asked for. She'd do what she could to get us new equipment. She gave me the courage and guidance to begin teaching prenatal classes here at the hospital, which I'm still doing. She treated me very well and I'll never forget her."

It was because of this love of nursing and pride in her career that Karen's nursing legacy will live on. Just days before her death, Karen contacted Jane Roush, Parkview Noble Foundation director, and asked that memorials at the time of her death be placed in a fund at the hospital with one scholarship being given each year to an HOE student who is pursuing a nursing career.

"Karen was a dedicated and caring nurse throughout her long career," said Roush. "She believed so strongly in her profession that she wanted to make sure that others would follow in her footsteps. The Karen Denney Nursing Scholarship at Parkview Noble Hospital Foundation will encourage a Health Occupations Education student to pursue their dream of becoming a nurse."

Donations to the scholarship fund may be sent to Parkview Noble Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755.

The road to Karen's career as a nurse was not always an easy one. After high school, she began studying to be a nurse but became pregnant with her son and lost her scholarship.

JULIE BUTTGEN

Karen Denney walks the Survivor lap at last year's Noble County Relay for Life with her grandson, Nicholas Schroeder. She lost her battle with cancer Feb. 4.

"That was a very difficult time for her," Amy said.

In 1972, Karen was able to complete her dream of becoming a nurse. She studied at St. Joseph School of Nursing and went to work for McCray. She later received a Master's Degree from the University of Saint Francis.

"She loved to learn," Amy said. "She was very smart. She was like a sponge — she just soaked up as much information as she could."

Amy said her mom had many interests outside of nursing. Foremost was her family. She married Everett Rex Denney in 1974. Karen was a loving mom to her children, Brian Rupert, Amy and Chris Denney and stepchildren David Denney and Joni Pearson. She was a proud Grandma to her six grandchildren, Ray, Vincent, Emily, Nicholas, Sarah and Christian. She loved her siblings and her many nieces and nephews.

Karen's love for her family was evident in her actions, explained her sister-in-law, Shari Holbrook, and Amy's sister-in-law, Tammy Helfers. Holbrook called Karen "a mainstay in my life" and "the perfect sister-in-law."

"Her children and especially her grandchildren were a big part of her life," Helfers added. "Karen was very involved with their many activities and was there for her grandchildren. She was a model of character and love for all who knew her. She touched many lives, some we will never know about."

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Shortly before her death, Karen visited with some of her nieces and nephews. "She was really close to them," Amy explained. "She used to take them fishing and camping with at Bixler Lake. She even took my brother and cousin to Chicago on the train so they could go to a Cubs game."

The Cubs weren't the only sports team Karen and Rex followed. They were well-known for being strong supporters of East Noble High School sports. The Lady Knights Basketball team signed a poster and team member Kelsey Franklin delivered it to Karen's hospital room, where she had it hung so she could see it. Karen and Rex also enjoyed attending the activities of their grandchildren.

A longtime member of the Kendallville Garden Club, Karen was remembered as being an inspiration to other members. "She was always willing to lend a helping hand, always one you could count on to help however she could," commented another member, Lois Miller.

Karen Denney will be remembered in many ways. In the coming months, as the Noble County Relay For Life gets underway May 19 and 20, there will be several teams walking in her memory. Both of Parkview Noble's Relay teams have dedicated this year's Relay efforts in Karen's memory. Her family will once again participate.

"Last year was the first time Mom came out and walked the survivor lap," added Amy. "She loved it! She couldn't believe how big it was and how many people were there participating."

Karen was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and had a strong faith. Even in death, Karen was thinking of others, not only through the scholarship, but through her actions to her family and co-workers.

"She wasn't afraid to die," Amy said. "She got everything organized and made it really easy on everybody."

Longtime friend Sue Sherer echoed that: "She was fine with dying. She wasn't afraid. She just wanted to make sure we were all fine with it, and she wanted us all to know that she loved us."

Lillian Keipper

ANGOLA — Lillian Mae Keipper, 104, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Keipper

Mrs. Keipper was a homemaker and worked with her husband at Keipper Sign Co. in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Angola First Congregational United Church of Christ, Formerly Sweet Adelines of Fort Wayne and Allen County RSVP.

She was born May 14, 1902, in Holland, Mich., to Oscar and Elmira (Stedman) DeWitt.

She married Floyd Keipper on March 25, 1924. He died in 1972.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jim Shearer of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Geraldine Keipper of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and five stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two stepdaughters, two brothers, six half-brothers and three half-sisters.

Services will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the Angola First Congregational United Church of Christ with the Rev. Deborah Davis officiating.

Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Angola First Congregational United Church of Christ or Crossroads Children's Home in Fort Wayne.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is handling arrangements.

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Edna King

AUBURN — Edna L. King, 76, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Margaret Hughes

LAGRANGE — Margaret Ann Hughes, 69, of LaGrange, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2007, at 4:10 p.m. at her residence.

Mrs. Hughes

Along with raising and caring for her 10 children, she also worked outside the home most of her life. She was a member of the Dickson Southern Baptist Church, Dickson, Okla.

She was born Jan. 7, 1938, in Dardnell, Ark., to Francis Clayton Whitlow and Verna Lee (Cooper) Whitlow.

She married Bobby Dale Hughes on April 19, 1968, in Shawnee, Okla. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Harold and Joanne Spradlin of Sturgis, Mich., Frank and Lena Hughes of Goshen, Ed Hughes of Supulpa, Okla., and Ron Hughes of LaGrange; four daughters and one son-in-law: Bobbi Hughes of Goshen, Becky Whitlow of Norman, Okla., Susie and Will Slayton of Cocoa Beach, Fla., and Sherrie Hill of LaGrange; a sister, Shirley Seager of Oklahoma; 23 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Hughes; a daughter, Debra Grantham; a brother and a sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange with the Bishop Shaun Huxford of the Elkhart Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Helen Martin

WOLCOTTVILLE — Helen L. Martin, 94, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2007, at 5:30 a.m. at her residence.

Mrs. Martin

She lived for more than 50 years in the Rome City and Wolcottville area. She owned and operated Helen's Restaurant in Rome City.

She and her husband also owned and managed Cove Tavern in Rome City and before that, she worked at Essex in Ligonier.

She was born Dec. 15, 1912, in Fort Wayne to Eugene Forker and Clara May Hockenbarger. She was in the first graduating class of North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

She married R.E. Martin on Jan. 9, 1937 in Detroit, Mich.. He died in 1982.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Leon Eberly of Livonia, Mich., and Charlene and Paul Randol of Wolcottville; five grandchildren, Paul Randol Jr., Shawn Eberly, Dianna Randol, Laurie Randol and Shannon Lee; seven great-grandchildren, Mark Randol, Jeff Randol, Jeremy Randol, Toby Hayward, Crystal Wilkinson, Tatum Siebeneck and Tiffany Randol; and 11 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Karen Randol.

Services will be Monday at 7 p.m. in Young Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the Rome City Masonic Lodge.

Condolences may be sent in e-mail messages to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net

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Jane Ish

AUBURN — Jane E. Ish, 88, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She graduated from Ashley High School in 1937 and Indiana University in 1942. She taught home economics in St. Joe and Garrett schools.

Mrs. Ish was a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority and Auburn First United Methodist Church. She volunteered at the Curiosity Shop in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 7, 1919, in Adrian, Mich., to Robert and Vera (Lewis) Stingle. They preceded her in death.

On Feb. 12, 1944, in Auburn, she married Dr. Roger Ish. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Eileen Ish of Carbondale, Colo., and David Ish of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Gary Henderson of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and David Casper of Auburn, Jason Reynolds of Auburn, Kelly Ish of Basalt, Colo., and Joshua Henderson of Waterloo; and two great-grandchildren, Zachary and Logan Casper of Auburn.

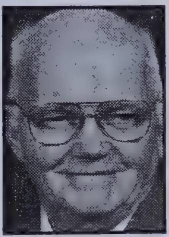
Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Burial will be Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Auburn First United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Harry Kessel Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Harry Edward Kessel Jr., 83, of Kendallville and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.



Mr. Kessel Jr.

Mr. Kessel had been a captain with the Wayne Township No. 2 Fire Department (now Southwest Allen County Fire District) in Fort Wayne and retired after more than 30 years of service. He had also worked part time for Hamilton Hunter while he was with the fire department. Prior to becoming a full time firefighter, he had worked at General Electric.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942 to 1946.

Mr. Kessel was a member of the Anthony Wayne First Church of God in Fort Wayne and attended First Christian Church in Kendallville.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and assisting them with various projects. He was known for his sense of humor.

Mr. Kessel was born May 23, 1923, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He married Helen F. Johnson of Kendallville on Feb. 28, 1947. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara J. and Larry Wolf of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, David A. and Rhonda Kessel of Kendallville and Edward G. and Margo Kessel of Christmas, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Susie Marie Kessel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Alzheimer's Association or the Anthony Wayne First Church of God.

John Bigelow

FORT WAYNE — John Charles Bigelow, 62, formerly of Garrett, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at 4 p.m. in Glenbrook Rehabilitation Center at Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted because of a printing error.*

Brett Conrad

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Brett David "Marti" Conrad, 33, of Goodyear, Ariz., and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at Palm Valley Hospice Center in Goodyear following a brief illness.

Mr. Conrad

Mr. Conrad will be remembered for his faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, his love of the Arizona outdoors, his extensive knowledge of computers and his unique sense of humor.

He was born in Kendallville on Jan. 23, 1974, to Danny Lee and Paula Jane (English) Conrad.

A 1992 graduate of Eastside High School, he was actively involved in drama and band. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from Western International University in Phoenix and was working on obtaining his master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

He was employed with Harman Consumer Group, JBL Inc. of Phoenix as a data analyst since 1999.

Surviving are his wife, Omega Conrad of Goodyear; his mother, Paula Conrad of Kendallville; two brothers; Dylan Conrad of Albion and Daniel Conrad of Kendallville; a half brother, Chris Rimmel of Fort Wayne; paternal grandmother, Olive Conrad of Kendallville; three nieces; three nephews; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Danny Lee Conrad, on June 25, 2000, and grandfather, Lloyd M. Conrad, in October 2001.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Rich Laskowski and the Rev. Dan Utz officiating.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour before the services on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Cancer Association.

View a video tribute (by Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Don De La Rossa

LAKE SAN MARCOS, Calif. — Don Richard De La Rossa, 84, of Lake San Marcos died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, in Lake San Marcos.

Mr. De La Rossa had been a design engineer for Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. He retired in 1978 as president of Ford's Kharmann Ghia office in Italy. Lee Iococca wooed him to Chrysler in 1987 and he opened Chrysler Pacifica Design Center in Carlsbad.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a captain in the Reserves for 10 years.

Three years ago he married former Wolcottville and Adams Lake resident Patty King. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law; two sons and a son-in-law; five stepchildren, including Denise and Mark Michelbrink of Avilla and Kellee Overholser of LaGrange; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Private services were held.

Memorials are to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3795, 212 W. Mission Road, San Marcos, CA 92069 or San Diego Humane Society, 5500 Gaines St., San Diego, CA 92110.

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Merle Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Merle D Miller, 91, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mr. Miller retired in 1977 from Bendix Corp. of South Bend. He later worked with Essex Wire of Detroit, Mich., for 13 years.

He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1934.

Mr. Miller was born in Stroh on Sept. 12, 1915, to Dayton and Jennie (Pieratt), Miller. He married Lois (Hunt) Miller in October 1939 in Angola and she preceded him in death in March 1953.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Joan Miller of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Paul and Sara Miller of Kankakee, Ill.; six grandchildren, Jonathon Miller of Blacksburg, Va., Sam Miller of Kankakee, Robert Miller of Chicago Heights, Ill., Jennifer Miller of Kankakee, Mike Miller of McCeleland, Iowa, and Sherri Buglewicz of Bellevue, Neb.; five great-grandchildren, James Miller, Johnathon Miller, Jack Buglewicz, Fritz Buglewicz and Madeleine Miller; three nieces, Nedra Witte, Phyllis Maxwell and Carol Pfeiffer, all of the Wolcottville area; and a nephew, Dayton Smith of Chula Vista, Calif.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mildred Smith in 1994.

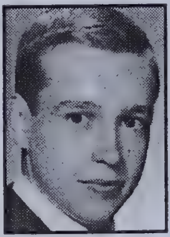
Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

John Bigelow

GARRETT — John Charles Bigelow, 62, formerly of Garrett, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at 4 p.m. in Glenbrook Rehabilitation Center at Fort Wayne.


Mr. Bigelow

Mr. Bigelow worked on the B&O Railroad as a brakeman from August 1968 to August 1969. He then drove a truck for North American Van Lines from 1969-1976. He worked in production at Tubular Products in Garrett for one year. Finally, he worked at King-Seely in Kendallville in the maintenance department from May 10, 1976, to June 12, 1981.

He was a former member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Dec. 17, 1944,in Garrett to Edward E. and Elizabeth M. (Riegel) Bigelow.

Suriving are a brother, James Bigelow of Garrett; two sisters, Karen Cottrell of Antwerp, Ohio, and Bette Duke of Claremore, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Private services will be at a later date, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail and an online guestbook may be signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Memorials are to the Indiana Head Injury Foundation.

Leota Ward

BUTLER — Leota Deloris Ward, 91, of Butler died Monday morning, Feb. 26, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Ward was a homemaker and also worked as an assembler at Universal Tool and Stamping in Spencerville and Butler.

She was born Oct. 15, 1915, in Montpelier to John and Flora (Martin) Hart. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale F. Ward on April 21, 1945, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 4, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, A.B. Ward of Butler and James E. Davis of Montpelier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosemary Luker of Butler and Karen and Burnett McKnight of Butler; 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Audrey Marine and Roxie Hoffman, a brother, Delmar Hart, and a daughter-in-law, Helen Davis.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Coburn Corners Church of Christ Preschool, 6813 C.R. 64, St. Joe, IN 46785.

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Lawrence Donay

ANGOLA — Lawrence E. Donay, 70, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich.

Mr. Donay was born June 28, 1936, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Edward and Mary (Krupa) Donay. He married Nancy Harrington on Sept. 13, 1991, in Angola. She survives.

He was president and part-owner of Alchem Aluminum in Coldwater until his retirement in 2000. He moved to Coldwater from Cleveland in 1972. He was a graduate of St. Benedectine High School in Cleveland and attended John Carroll University, also in Cleveland.

He was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Coldwater, and belonged to the Coldwater Elks Lodge, the Classic Wooden Boat Society and several business organizations. He was a past member of the Coldwater Rotary.

He enjoyed boating, deep sea fishing and golfing.

Also surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Robert and Tracy Donay of Westlake, Ohio, Dr. Jeffrey and Teresa Donay of Urbana, Ohio, Greg and Nicole Donay of Coldwater and David and JoEllen Donay of Quincy, Mich.; his mother of Broadview Heights, Ohio; a stepson and stepdaughter-in-law, Michael and Katie Harrington of Cumming, Ga.; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Rhonda Horinka of Wake Forest, N.C., and Pamela and Kelly Henneous of Gardner, Kan.; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Judy Donay of Broadview Heights; a sister and brother-in-law, Candace and Bill Payette of Broadview Heights; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1991 and two granddaughters, Macy and Sydney Donay.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Charles of Borromeo Church, with the Rev. Brian Stanley officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the CHC Foundation. Condolences can be left online at www.dutcherfh.com.

Shirley Robbins

WAWAKA — Shirley A. Robbins, 71, of Wawaka died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at her residence. She had been in declining health for a long period of time.

Among her survivors are her husband, the Rev. Jimmy L. Robbins, pastor of Wawaka United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier assisting.

Russell Desserich

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Russell W. Desserich, 87, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a seasonal resident of Lake James, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, in Loveland, Ohio.

Mr. Desserich was born May 9, 1919, in Cincinnati. He was an engineering graduate of the University of Cincinnati. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a 34-year member and fire chief of the fire department in Golf Manor, Ohio. He also served numerous terms as a councilman for Golf Manor.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and William Westerfield; a son and daughter-in-law, Russell W. Jr. and Karen Desserich; four grandchildren, Ryan and Craig Westerfield and Kurt and Christian Desserich; two great-grandchildren, Noah and Zoe Desserich; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald and Hilda Michaels; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary (Michaels) Desserich; and a brother, Earl Desserich.

Services will be at St. Columban Catholic Church, Loveland, at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Home, Loveland.

Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Cincinnati, with full military honors conducted by members of the Southwest Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Team.

The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers to Saint Joseph's Children's Home, 10722 Wyscarver Road, Cincinnati, OH 45241-3083; or First Step Home, 2203 Fulton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45206.

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Longtime educator Maurice Davis dies

SHIPSHEWANA — Longtime educator Maurice Niles Davis, 83, of Shipshewana died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Davis

As its first principal in 1964, Mr. Davis planned, staffed and organized R. Nelson Snider High School in Fort Wayne. He served as principal there until 1972 and retired from Brentwood Elementary School in 1983.

He was instrumental in organizing the Wildcat Baseball League and served as its first commissioner.

Mr. Davis was elected to two terms in the Indiana High School Athletic Association Board of Control and served as board president in 1971. He had also served as president of the Indiana Principals Association and named District Principal of the Year in 1981.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State Teachers College in 1946 and a master's degree in 1958. He did graduate work at IU, Purdue, Michigan State and the University of Saint Francis.

Mr. Davis started his 45-year educational career at Fremont High School where he was a teacher, head coach and athletic director from 1946-54. From 1954-57, he was a teacher, basketball and track coach and dean of boys at Plymouth High School. He served as a graduate assistant at Ball State in 1957-58 and joined the Fort Wayne Community Schools system in 1958 as a teacher at North Side High School. He later was appointed staff assistant at Northwood Junior High School and became principal of Lakeside Junior School in 1961.

From 1983 to 1985, he served as a part-time associate professor at Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne and from 1985-1992 supervised student teachers.

Following his retirement from Fort Wayne Community Schools, he built a home on his family's farm in Shipshewana, a town founded by his ancestors.

He was active in the community and at the United Methodist Church, Lions Club, LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation District board and the Northeastern Mental Health Center board. He helped found the Shipshewana Historical Society in 2002.

Mr. Davis was named Master Farmer of the Year in 2004 by the LaGrange County Soil and Water Conservation board and was named Shipshewana Citizen of the Year in 2002.

He was born July 10, 1923, in Shipshewana to Niles and Ida (Foss) Davis. He married Shirley Nelson on June 15, 1947, in Shipshewana. She died Oct. 4, 1973. He then married Rebecca Lanier on Dec. 29, 1974, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Christine Davis of Fort Wayne and Rebecca and Tom Gagnon of Decatur, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Ted and Jan Davis of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Jane Lanier of Woodland Hills, Calif., and JoEllen Donahue and her husband, Shawn, of Reading, Mich.; a sister, Doris Davis of Shipshewana; and 10 grandchildren, Jennifer Howell, Elizabeth Davis, Andrew Davis, Paul and Janel Gagnon, Kelly Gagnon, Peter Rubinstein, Jacob Rubinstein, Megan Donahue, Paige Donahue and Emma Donahue.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Esther English; and two brothers, Keith Davis and Steward Davis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Shipshewana United Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles McPeek officiating. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday and 4-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, 386 Park Ave., South, 17th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10016, Shipshewana United Methodist Church or Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Susan Bishop

AUBURN — Susan "Susie" Bishop, 47, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn with her husband, Tom, and her family by her side.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

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Helen Wells

SOUTH VIENNA, Ohio — Helen J. Wells, 67, of South Vienna, Ohio died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at Community Hospital in Springfield, Ohio.

Mrs. Wells

Mrs. Wells had been employed by Garrett Flexible for many years prior to working at Tuffy's Depot, a restaurant owned by her brother.

Mrs. Wells loved cats, spending time with her family, cooking and baking. She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity.

She was born in LaGrange County on Dec. 29, 1939, to Otho D. and Nellie (Moser) High. She was raised in LaGrange County and attended school at South Milford Elementary School and Kendallville High School.

She married Cecil L. Wells on Sept. 7, 1957, in Wallen. He survives in South Vienna.

Also surviving are: daughter and her fiancé, Deborah L. Wells and Steve Gillespie of South Vienna; two sons and one daughter-in-law; Donald L. and Jo Wells of Garrett and Duane Wells of Garrett; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Agatha and Lawrence Stratton of Sturgis, Mich., and Margaret and Cecil Hazelton of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Chet and Kim High of Garrett and Wilber High of Decatur, Ill; four grandchildren and their spouses, Stacy and Jason Lott of Camden, Mich., Nadine and Corey Kline of Kendallville, Kevin Salisbury of Garrett and DJ Wells and his fianceé, Meghan Cliford, of Kendallville; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Wells was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers; Elmer High and Gerald "Tuffy" High.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Jackson Lytle & Ingling Williams Funeral Home in Springfield, Ohio. Pastor Brynton "Ben" Gibson will officiate. Pallbearers will be Don Wells, Duane Wells, DJ Wells, Larry Stratton, Corey Kline and Steve Gillespie. Burial will be at Rose Hill Park in Springfield, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and Friday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent to jodon@onemain.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information*

Leota Ward

BUTLER — Leota Deloris Ward, 91, of Butler, died Monday morning, Feb. 26, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Ward was a homemaker and also worked as an assembler at Universal Tool and Stamping in Spencerville and Butler.

She was born Oct. 15, 1915, in Montpelier, Ind., to John and Flora (Martin) Hart. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale F. Ward on April 21, 1945, in Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 4, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, A.B. Ward of Butler and James E. Davis of Montpelier, Ind.; two daughters, Rosemary Luker of Butler and Karen (Burnett) McKnight of Butler; 19 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Audrey Marine and Roxie Hoffman, a brother, Delmar Hart, and a daughter-in-law, Helen Davis.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Coburn Corners Church of Christ Preschool, 6813 C.R. 64, St. Joe, IN 46785.

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Shirley Robbins

WAWAKA — Shirley A. Robbins, 71, of Wawaka died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Robbins

Mrs. Robbins was a homemaker and lifetime area resident.

She was a member of Laketown Wesleyan Church.

She was born Jan. 16, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Gilbert P. and Elizabeth H. (Rainey) Malott. She married Jimmy L. Robbins on July 26, 1958, and he survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Beth A. Lesley of Willits, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy and Paula Robbins of Kendallville and Michael Robbins of Noblesville; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Sally Polly, Beverly Bockman, Marlene Goudy and Darlene and Fred Roush, all of Fort Wayne, Sharon and Kenneth Drew of Florida City, Fla., and Karen and Robert Boldie of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Dawn Malott of Lavonia, Mich., and Keith and Shirley Malott of Huntertown; six grandchildren, Randy L. Robbins, Amanda Robbins, Amber Sroufe, LaTasha Perry, Chris Robbins and Josh Robbins; and three great-grandchildren, Noah Robbins, Jacob Robbins and Skye Sroufe.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Robbins; two brothers, Jack Malott and Edward Malott; and a sister, Patricia Malott.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Silver Lake Cemetery at Silver Lake.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation.

Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier, will be assisting with the services.

Theron Dirrim

ANGOLA — Theron M. Dirrim, infant son of Brian Douglas and Angela Shannon (Birchfield) Dirrim of Angola, was born and died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Surviving with Theron's parents are a sister, Trinity Dirrim of Angola; two brothers, Isaac and Luke Dirrim, both of Angola; grandparents Cheryl and Greg Beer and Dick and Anna Birchfield, all of Fremont, and Fred and Terry Dirrim of Hamilton; and a great-grandmother, Ramona Beer of Fremont.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are bring handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

LaRue Ostman

FORT WAYNE — LaRue F. (Gump) Ostman, 84, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Ostman had retired in 1985 after serving as a registered nurse in Michigan, Virginia, Maryland and Florida for 45 years. She was a graduate of the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Ostman was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

She was born Oct. 19, 1922, in Allen County to Merl and Trudie Gump.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Robert M. Ostman; two sons and daughters-in-law, Neal and Jan Ostman of Denver, Colo., and Wayne and Pam Ostman of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jayne and Marshall Miers of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Pauline Crothers of Avilla and Helen Waters of Fort Wayne; a brother-in-law, Jessie Fulk of Garrett; two sisters-in-law, Joy Derby and Manelle Ostman, both of Florida; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Stan Sneeringer officiating. Private entombment will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Heartland Hospice.

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Wayne Schutt

KENDALLVILLE — Wayne Arthur Schutt, 64, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at his home in Kendallville.

Mr. Schutt

Mr. Schutt had been a delivery driver for United Parcel Service for 29 years.

He was a member of the Teamsters Union, the National Rifle Association, Eagles Lodge No. 985 in Kendallville, American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville, Cree Lake Conservation Club and Whitetails Unlimited. He was a Past Governor of the Kendallville Moose Lodge.

He graduated from LaGrange High School in 1960.

Mr. Schutt was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bow shooting.

He was born in Brighton on Dec. 26, 1942, to Glenn F. and Leila Vesta (Cleland) Schutt. He married Deeann Carter on Dec. 19, 1965, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She died Jan. 27, 1993.

Surviving are his fiance and companion, Joan Cooper of Kendallville; two daughters, Teresa Schutt of Fort Wayne and Veronica Cole of Elwood; a son and daughter-in-law, Byron and Roseann Schutt of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Carolyn Schutt of LaOtto; a sister and brother-in-law, Maretha and Chuck McCoy of Martinsville; and five grandchildren, Jeffery Schutt, Selina Schutt, Katherine Cole, Lucas Schutt and Rebecca Schutt.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael Schutt in 1961.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Eddie Gamble, Tim Taylor, Greg Guthrie, Larry Steel, Gary Hubbard, Bobby Ramer, Dr. Jerry Jansen and Sean Will. Honorary bearers will Burley Hall, Jeffrey Schutt and Rick Gay.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, Whitetails Unlimited and National Rifle Association Hunter Safety Education Program.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rosalie Todd

HENDERSON, Nev. — Rosalie J. (Davis) Todd, 75, of Henderson died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, in Henderson.

Mrs. Todd had moved to Henderson from Long Island, New York.

She was a 1949 graduate of Kendallville High School.

She was born June 18, 1931, in Kendallville to William "Art" and Bertha (Leitch) Davis.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lana and Dan Brady of Las Vegas, Sheila and Cory Silverstein of New Jersey and Christine Manju of Hawaii; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Maria Todd of New Jersey; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Harold "Gabby" and Barb Davis, William "Bill" and Chris Davis and Bea Davis, all of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Zula and David Fiandt of Wolcottville and Judy Edgar of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard.

Memorial services were held Feb. 10 at Palms Mortuary and Crematorium in Las Vegas.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association.

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Edna King

AUBURN — Edna L. King, 76, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2007, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. King

Mrs. King was born in Indianapolis. She was a homemaker and a member of American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, Garrett Eagles and The Red Hat Society. She loved to gamble and was an avid knitter who made prayer shawls.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randall A. and Nancy King of New Mexico and Charles A. and Michelle King of Garrett; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia A. and Stuart Schlaifer of Auburn, Charlotte A. and Rex Bailey of Fort Wayne, and Beverly A. Nichols of Brooksville, Fla.; one brother, Jack Thompson of Wake Forest, N.C.; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mrs. King was preceded in death by her husband, Tilden King, in 2005 and her brother, Myron Thompson, in 2006.

A memorial service will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Father Jeffrey Horn will officiate.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Randy Krafft

SPENCERVILLE — Randy L. Krafft, 44, of Spencerville, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Krafft was the co-owner and operator of Krafft Gravel in Spencerville. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Spencer Township Fire Department and was a member of Spencerville Masonic Lodge 556. He was a Little League Football coach in Butler for several years and attended the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in Spencerville. He was a loving and proud father and son.

He was born May 26, 1962, in Auburn to Gerald and Jennie (Haiflich) Krafft. They survive in Auburn.

He married Bev Edwards on Aug. 20, 1987, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Mike Krafft and Cody Krafft, both of Spencerville; two daughters, Brandy Krafft and Bailey Krafft, both of Spencerville; a sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Jeff Buschman of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Teri Krafft of Auburn; 15 nieces and nephews; and two great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary Ray Krafft and Steven Joe Krafft.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Minister Todd Steere officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

A Masonic service will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to an educational trust fund for Mr. Krafft's children, in care of Knisely Bank.

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Jo Ann McGinnis

AUBURN — Jo Ann McGinnis, 73, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at 12:20 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital of Auburn.

A former resident of Wabash, she had retired from GenCorp, formerly known as General Tire. She was a member of Lincolnville United Methodist Church, Moose Lodge 1195 in Wabash and the Eagles in Wabash. She was a graduate of VanLear High School.

She was born May 20, 1933, in Johnson County, Ky., to Oliver "Red" and Angie (Webb) Lynn. They preceded her in death.

She also was preceded in death by her husbands, John Ballard, who died in 1972, and William McGinnis, who died in 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kennie and Vickie Pack of Weyauwega, Wis.; a stepson, Rick McGinnis of Wabash; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Darrell Young of Auburn and Edna and Terry Bassett of Wabash; two stepdaughters, Debbie Corn of Wabash and Kelly Stout and her husband, Gary, of Wabash; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Barb Lynn of Rome City, John and Mildred Lynn of Wabash and Jack and Pat Lynn of Wabash; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lois Blair of Kentucky, Martha Whitesel of Lagro and Betty and Harold Chaplin of Wabash; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, six stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy W. Pack, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m in McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash. The Rev. Melissa Rice will officiate. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery of Wabash.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences are www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Charles Vinson

LECANTO, Fla. — Charles Grover Vinson, 68, of Lecanto, Fla., died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007, at his home under the care of his family and Hernando-Pasco Hospice.

He was a 1954 graduate of Riverdale High School in St. Joe and attended Indiana University in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Vinson began his career with Bowmar Instrument Corp. in Waynedale where he worked his way up to the position of vice president, traveling all over the world. Next he worked for six years at Fermont Division in Bridgeport, Conn. He then took a position with Transicoil of Norristown, Pa., where he became executive vice president of operations and, along with eight other employees, bought the business and became a co-owner.

He retired in 1994 and moved from Norristown to Carlsbad, N.M. In 2001, he moved to Lecanto.

While living in Norristown, he was a volunteer at the State Hospital. In Carlsbad he was a member of the Riverside Country Club. He was member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 4272 of Homosassa.

He enjoyed traveling, golf and the Internet and was an avid reader.

He was born Aug. 15, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Bevely Eugene and Berneda Katherine (Kleber) Vinson. His father preceded him in death on June 21, 1987, and his mother preceded him in death on Aug. 6, 2003.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Karin A. Vinson of Lecanto; two sons, Charles Gene Vinson of Sumter, S.C., and David Vinson of Prescott, Ariz.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debby and Milton Eley of Connersville and Cathy and Albert George of Stratford, Conn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerome and Carolyn Vinson of St. Joe; seven sisters and four brothers-in-law, Lois and John Christlieb, Mary Voirol, Alice and Dennis Ransom, and Joan and Orval Wallace, all of Auburn, Nancy and Dillard Jones of Gadsden, Ala., and Theresa Harris and Virginia Miller, both of Auburn; the mother of his children, Barbara Brackert of Trumbull Conn.; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Vinson, on Jan. 25, 1995, and a grandson, Michael A. George, on Oct. 3, 2002.

A mass with Mr. Vinson's urn present will be Monday, March 12, at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Babasino Fernandes officiating.

Private burial will take place at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to Hernando-Pasco Hospice, Citrus County Office, 2417 N. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, FL 34461.

The Fero Funeral Home, Beverly Hills Chapel, 5955 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills, Fla., is handling arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 28, 2007, Wednesday

Charles William, "Bill" Aumsbaugh, 78

KENDALLVILLE – Charles Willaim "Bill" Aumsbaugh, 78, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, Indiana.

Mr. Aumsbaugh was born in Wayne Township in Noble County, on October 17, 1928 to Herschel C. and Florence Viola (Ferguson) Aumsbaugh.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in1948 and married Cloanna (Swogger) Aumsbaugh on June 5, 1949 at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Mr. Aumsbaugh was employed with Puritan Ice Cream Co. in Kendallville for about 30 years. He then worked for Steckley's Mill and Hatchery in Kendallville for a short time and retired from J.O. Mory in South Milford after 10 years of service.

He was currently a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville where he ushered, served communion, and belonged to the Yardbirds men's group. He and his wife were also longtime active members of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church and enjoyed being involved with the ice cream socials.

Mr. Aumsbaugh was a past member of the Kendallville Lions Club and the American Legion Post #86.

His family was most important to him and he enjoyed watching the Lawrence Welk Show, travelling and collecting old cars and working in his yard.

Survivors include: His wife of 57 years, Cloanna Aumsbaugh of Kendallville. Three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Carolyn Aumsbaugh of Kendallville, Stanley and Karla Aumsbaugh of Fort Wayne and Thomas and Cathy Aumsbaugh of Kendallville. Five grandsons and their spouses; Brandon and Sara Aumsbaugh of Wolcottville, Justin Aumsbaugh of Kokomo, Joel and Leslie Aumsbaugh of Kendallville, Jared and Amber Aumsbaugh of Avilla and Jonathan Aumsbaugh of Kendallville. Four great grandchildren; Daylyn Aumsbaugh and Tyler Aumsbaugh, Ethan and Landon Aumsbaugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; Donald, Robert, and Herschel, Jr., and a half sister, Elmo Dee.

The funeral took place February 26, 2007 at the First Christian Church, in Kendallville.The Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer officiated.

Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to National Alzheimer's Association, Provena Sacred Heart Home, or First Christian Church.

Casketbearers were his grandsons; Brandon, Justin, Joel, Jared, Jonathan. Honorary bearers were Galen Swogger and Ronald Swogger.

View a video tribute (by Friday pm) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com,

ALBION NEW ERA
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February 28, 2007, Wednesday

Brett David "Marti" Conrad, 33

Brett David "Marti" Conrad, 33, of Goodyear, Arizona and formerly of Kendallville, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at Palm Valley Hospice Center in Goodyear, Arizona, following a brief illness.

He was born in Kendallville on January 23, 1974 to Danny Lee and Paula Jane (English) Conrad and raised in the St. Joe area graduating from Eastside High School in1992 where he was actively involved in drama and band. He earned a bachelor of computer science degree from Western International University, Phoenix, Arizona and was presently working on obtaining his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Phoenix.

He was employed with Harman Consumer Group, JBL Incorporated of Phoenix, Arizona, as a data analyst since 1999.

Brett will be lovingly remembered for his faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, his love of the Arizona outdoors, his extensive knowledge of computers, and his unique sense of humor.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Omega Conrad of Goodyear, Arizona, Mother, Paula Conrad of Kendallville; Brother, Dylan Conrad of Albion; Brother, Daniel Conrad of Kendallville; Half brother, Chris Rimmel of Fort Wayne; Paternal grandmother, Olive Conrad of Kendallville; Three neices, three nephews, and many aunts, uncles and cousins

He was preceded in death by his father, Danny Lee Conrad on June 25, 2000, and grandfather, Lloyd M. Conrad in October 2001.

Funeral Services took place February 28, 2007 at Hite Funeral Home. Pastor Rich Laskowski and longtime friend, Rev. Dan Utz officiated.

Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Kidney Cancer Association.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Vonita Brumbaugh, 88

NORTH MANCHESTER — Vonita Ruth Brumbaugh, 88, of North Manchester died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at 12:30 a.m. at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester.

A 1936 graduate of Albion High School, Mrs. Brumbaugh was a supervisor of office services at Rea Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 36 years after retiring in 1981.

She was born in Noble County to William H. and Ella Caroline (Zumbrun) Brumbaugh.

She was involved with Timbercrest Auxiliary and was a member of the 25-year Club at Rea Magnet Wire. She was a member of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren in Fort Wayne.

Surviving is her best friend, Madeline Bashore, at Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Webster.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Services were held February 24, 2007. Rev. Olden Mitchell and Chaplain Joan Deeter officiated. Burial took place at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to Timbercrest Senior Living Community, P.O. Box 501, North Manchester, IN.

Condolences may be emailed to the Brumbaugh family at www.delaughtermckee.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 28, 2007, Wednesday

Shirley Robbins, 71

WAWAKA — Shirley A. Robbins, 71, of Wawaka died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at her residence. She had been in declining health for a long period of time.

She was born January 16, 1936 in Ft. Wayne, IN. to Gilbert and Elizabeth (Rainey) Malott. Both parents are deceased.

On July 26, 1958, she married Rev. Jimmy L. Robbins and lived in the area all of her life. He survives.

Shirley was a member of the Laketown, IN Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include besides her husband: three children; Beth A. Lesley of Willits, CA, Randy (Paula) Robbins of Kendallville and Michael A. Robbins of Noblesville, IN. Six Grandchildren: Randy L. Robbins, Amanda Robbins, Amber Sroufe, LaTasha Perry, Chris Robbins and Josh Robbins. Three Great Grandchildren: Noah Robbins, Jacob Robbins and Skye Sroufe. Eight siblings survive: Sally Polly, Beverly Bockman of Ft. Wayne, IN; Sharon (Kenneth) Drew of Florida City, FL, Marlene Goudy & Darlene (Fred) Roush of Ft. Wayne, Karen (Robert) Boldie of Pleasant Lake, IN, Robert (Dawn) Malott of Lavonia, MI and Keith (Shirley) Malott of Huntertown.

She was preceded in death by one daughter Kimberly Robbins along with siblings Jack Malott, Edward Malott and Patricia Malott.

Funeral services will be at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel March 1, 2007 with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Visitation will take place 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2007 and also one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Silver Lake Cemetery, Silver Lake, IN.

Those wishing to can send memorials to the Diabetes Foundation.

Ray C. Shroyer
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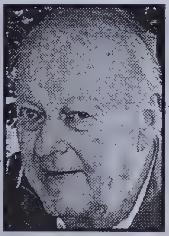
Loving Memories,
In God's Care
Ann

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 1, 2007, Thursday

H. Richard Olsen

KENDALLVILLE — H. Richard "Dick" Olsen, 87, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Olsen

Mr. Olsen owned and operated Mission Biscuit Co. in San Francisco. He was employed with Litton Industries in California and Huntington. He was vice president and general manager of Quick Tanks in Kendallville from 1966-1978.

In 1998, Mr. Olsen retired from the real estate business as a broker with Hosler Realty after 20 years in the business.

He was a former Wayne Township assessor and past president of the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce from 1985-1986. He was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge, past member of the Kendallville Rotary Club, and had been the third remaining member of the California Cat Club.

Mr. Olsen was born in Hayward, Calif., on April 29, 1919, to Howard L. and Frances Grace (Stubblefield) Olsen. His stepmother was Kathryn C. Cooley. He married Eleanor Ruth "Ellie" McCleer on June 27, 1942, in Berkley, Calif.

He graduated from Castlemont High School in Oakland, Calif., in 1937 and entered the United States Army in 1941 during World War II and served until 1945. He was a first lieutenant with the 5th Infantry, Red Diamond Division and served in the Battle of the Bulge. He was scheduled to go to the Pacific Theater but the war ended just prior to being shipped out.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Howard Rines of Shoreview, Minn., and Carolyn and Joe Stephenson of Albuquerque, N.M.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald and Rebecca Olsen of Fort Wayne, Douglas Olsen of Kendallville and Stephen and Romia Olsen of North Manchester; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Barbara Olsen of San Ramon, Calif.; eight grandchildren, David and Olga Rines of McLean, Va., Deborah and Tom Thornquist of Blaine, Minn., Kenneth and Kirstine Rines of Chelsea, Mass., Amy and Jeff Tapp of Fort Wayne, Jeremy Olsen of Carmel, Samuel and Cari Olsen of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jennifer Olsen of Sharpsville and Katie Olsen of North Manchester; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald Olsen.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to plant a tree of your choice in memory of Dick Olsen or to the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

View a video tribute (by Sunday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Susie Bishop

AUBURN — Susie Bishop, 47, of Auburn died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Bishop

Mrs. Bishop was the office manager at Custom Coating in Auburn. She enjoyed warm weather, volleyball and Texas Hold'em, but what she loved most was being with her family and spending time with her friends.

She was born Nov. 18, 1959, in Auburn to David and Ruth (Friend) Walters. They survive in Auburn.

She married Tom Bishop on Sept. 22, 1979, at the First United Methodist Church in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sadie Bishop and Abby Bishop, both of Auburn; a brother, Ed Walters of Waterloo; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Annette and Jeff Bowman of Indianapolis and Jane Walters of St. Joe; and three nieces, Elizabeth Walters, Danielle Bowman and Addie Walters.

Services will be Friday at 8 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Pastor Scott Mosley, the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Dale Williams will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

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March 1, 2007, Thursday

Victoria LaBrosse

FORT WAYNE — Victoria A. LaBrosse, 73, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at home.

Mrs. LaBrosse was born Dec. 23, 1933, in Pinconning, Mich., to Frank and Anna Marie (Eilf) Skrzysinski. She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, and the church's Rosary Society.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diane M. and David Thompson of Grabill; four sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy J. and Maxine LaBrosse, Henry P. and Joanne LaBrosse and Thomas L. and Sue LaBrosse, all of Fort Wayne and Jeffrey A. and Irene LaBrosse of Angola; six sisters, Marie Rivard of Bentley, Mich., Rozy Carson of Barton City, Mich., Delores Oswell of Standish, Mich., Bernice Rivard and Wanda Hortiski, both of Linwood, Mich. and Irene Lovette of Pinconning; five brothers, Edward Skrzysinski of Bay City, Mich., Steve Skrzysinski of Rhodes, Mich., Donald Skrzysinski of Las Vegas, Stanley Skrzysinski of Pinconning and Jerry Skrzysinski of Mount Forest, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James H. LaBrosse, in 2005; and two brothers, Frank Jr. and Leon Skrzysinski.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also one hour before services. A vigil service will take place at 4 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the Fort Wayne Chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

Twilla Frye

GARRETT — Twilla "Yvonne" Frye, 76, of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Frye was a pastor's wife for 35 years. She was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene and was a very active volunteer in the church.

She was born Jan. 26, 1931, in Lansing, Mich., to Arthur and Fay M. (Teed) Clark. They preceded her in death.

She married the Rev. John C. Frye on Nov. 27, 1948, in Mason, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie L. and James Brown of Leslie, Mich., and Vickie S. and J.C. Meier of Avilla; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rick S. Frye, and a brother, Wayne E. Clark.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Paul White officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

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A Heartfelt Thank You from the family of James E. Hovarter

Through our time of loss, your thoughts, your prayers, your gifts, your time and your presence were greatly appreciated. For those of you that were there for our family, we sincerely thank you.

We would especially like to thank Pastor Ann and the congregation of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, Brian DeCamp and Hite Funeral Home, and Parkview Home Health and Hospice. There are no words to sufficiently express our gratitude.

"Everyday you are missed, But not soon forgotten.
Dancing with your beloved On the streets of Heaven"

God Bless You All!
The Hovarter Family

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 1, 2007, Thursday

Shirley Robbins

WAWAKA — Shirley A. Robbins, 71, of Wawaka died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Robbins was a homemaker and lifetime area resident.

She was a member of Laketown Wesleyan Church.

She was born Jan. 16, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Gilbert P. and Elizabeth H. (Rainey) Malott. She married Jimmy L. Robbins on July 26, 1958, and he survives.

Mrs. Robbins

Also surviving are a daughter, Beth A. Lesley of Willits, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Randy and Paula Robbins of Kendallville and Michael Robbins of Noblesville; six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Sally Polly, Beverly Bockman, Marlene Goudy and Darlene and Fred Roush, all of Fort Wayne, Sharon and Kenneth Drew of Florida City, Fla., and Karen and Robert Boldie of Pleasant Lake; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Dawn Malott of Lavonia, Mich., and Keith and Shirley Malott of Huntertown; six grandchildren, Randy L. Robbins, Amanda Robbins, Amber Sroufe, LaTasha Perry, Chris Robbins and Josh Robbins; and three great-grandchildren, Noah Robbins, Jacob Robbins and Skye Sroufe.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Robbins; two brothers, Jack Malott and Edward Malott; and a sister, Patricia Malott.

Services were held this morning (Thursday) at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. today, Thursday, at Silver Lake Cemetery at Silver Lake.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier, will be assisting with the services.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 2, 2007, Friday

James Rogers

MIDDLEBURY — James Lloyd Rogers, 78, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Rogers was the founder of Middlebury Molding. He also owned a tree farm in Michigan.

Mr. Rogers

He was a 1946 graduate of Middlebury High School where he played varsity basketball. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1946-1948.

Mr. Rogers enjoyed flying his 1942 restored sea plane and won many awards with the plane.

He was an animal rights advocate, 32nd Degree Mason and former president of the Middlebury Town Council.

Mr. Rogers was a historian and enjoyed studying war history. He enjoyed world and political news and reading the newspaper.

He was born Sept. 20, 1928, in Millersburg to Roy Sr. and Dorothy (France) Rogers. He married Beverly Mann on Jan. 6, 1951, in Millersburg. She died Dec. 19, 2002.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael Rogers of Nashville, Tenn., Richard and Manette Rogers of Elkhart, John Rogers of Key West, Fla., and Theodore Rogers of Rockford, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Bud Moser of Millersburg; a brother, Edward Rogers of Millersburg; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roy Rogers Jr.; and a sister, Ruth Lantz.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Donn Abdon and the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Burial will be in Brown Cemetery at Millersburg.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to a humane shelter of the donor's choice.

Lawrence Church

KENDALLVILLE — Lawrence E. Church, 63, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He was born April 8, 1943, in Ashland, Ky., to George and Laura Mae Church. They preceded him in death.

Surviving is a daughter, Vickie Church of Waterloo.

A son, Phillip E. Church, preceded him in death on Dec. 2, 2003.

Services will be at a later date. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Phyllis Hamilton

AUBURN — Phyllis A. Hamilton, 89, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hamilton

Born in Farmland, Mrs. Hamilton was a homemaker and worked at Messenger Corp. in Auburn and also at the DeKalb County auditor's office for several years. She graduated from Farmland High School in 1935.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Auburn and enjoyed crafts and knitting.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Judith Getts of Garrett and Jayne and Dan Challand of Florida; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Janice Stebing of Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen, the Rev. Wilbur Yates and the Rev. Dale Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Farmland.

Calling will be today from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Diabetes and Alzheimer's associations or the First United Methodist Church.

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Betty Kimmel

FORT WAYNE — Betty Ruth Kimmel, 84, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in DeKalb County, she was a supervisor of housekeeping with Lutheran Hospital for 11 years. She attended Waynedale United Methodist Church and enjoyed baking and embroidering.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Loretta and Ansel Hauser Beck of Huntington, Marilyn Waikel of Fort Wayne, Elaine and Fred Crum of Fort Wayne, Phyllis and Robert Loomis of Greeley, Colo., and Sally and Ted Sgro of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Vera Kimmel Jr. of Wilkinson, Clifford and Jane Kimmel of Fort Wayne and Steven and April Kimmel of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Esther Pfiffer of Tennessee, Carol German of Illinois, and Helen Dennison of Indiana; two brothers, Harold Winebrenner of Arizona and Robert Winebrenner of California; 23 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Kimmel Sr., in 1968, and a son, Phillip.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Doug Croucher officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Barbara Bricker

LAGRANGE — Barbara Jayne Bricker, 70, of LaGrange died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Bricker was born March 27, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Bernerd and Marie Proctor.

Surviving are her husband, Dale Bricker Sr. of LaGrange; three sons, Andel Harlan, Roger Harlan of California and Garth and Heidi Harlan of Markle; stepchildren, Kathy and Steve Farrier, Dale and Sallie Bricker Jr., Kevin and Mary Bricker and Keith and Cindy Bricker, all of Fort Wayne, Susan and John Maag of Fremont, Mark Bricker of Goshen, Steve and Jeannie Bricker of Avilla, Tina Jensen of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Jeff and Carrie Bricker of New Haven; 24 grandchildren including Travis Harlan; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Josh Harlan, and a sister.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Wesley Chapel, 13733 Wesley Chapel Road, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Advantage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 3, 2007, Saturday

Edna Morr

AUBURN — Edna L. Morr, 101, of Auburn, died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Morr was a homemaker. She was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Auburn, the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Guild and DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

She was born Jan. 14, 1906, in DeKalb County to Almond and Dora (Reasoner) Reinhart.

She married Walter H. Morr on March 6, 1926, in Muncie. He died in 1984.

Surviving are a son, Samuel M. Morr of Auburn; a sister, Wilma Ginder of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Joan Morr of Auburn; five grandchildren and spouses, Renee and Les Grewcock, Terri and Joe Hoover, Diane and David Kieser, Jeff and Michelle Morr and Tom Morr; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Harold Morr and Norman D. Morr; a daughter-in-law, Joyce Morr; two brothers, Walter Reinhart and Wilbur Reinhart; and two sisters, Gladys Baker and Mildred Reinhart.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to RSVP of Auburn.

Bertha Martin

SHIPSHEWANA — Bertha Naomi Martin, 94, of Shipshewana died at 8:20 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2007, in Loris Hospital, Loris, S.C.

She was staying with her daughter in Loris for the winter.

She was born July 25, 1912.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Lawrence Frye

AUBURN — Lawrence "Larry" Frye, 71, of Auburn died Friday, March 2, 2007, at his home with his family by his side.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Doris Uehlein

SPENCERVILLE — Doris Phyllis Uehlein, 83, of Spencerville, died Friday, March 2, 2007, at The Waters of Summit City, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Uehlein worked as a lead operator at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 25 years. She was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose 556 in Auburn and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 6, 1923, in Steuben County to Phillip and Etta (Herr) Schuller. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert T. Uehlein on March 25, 1944, in Ege. He died Feb. 15, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Uehlein of Garrett and Terry Uehlein of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra Uehlein of Spencerville and Bobette Roberts of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Chris Roberts, Scott Johnson, Phyllis Wise, Mityie Uehlein, Ann Mettert, Nicole West, Dave Gerbers and Melissa Uehlein; and eight great-grandchildren, Brendin, Kyle, Kendall, Kelsey, Kristen, Sadie, Audra and Chris Jr.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Schuller; two sisters, Marvelle Freeze and Margaret Axtell; and a grandson, Chad Uehlein.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A rosary service will be Monday at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Paul Beatty

AUBURN — Paul J. Beatty, 83, of Auburn died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beatty was a line foreman for Indiana Michigan Power Co. for 38 years, and retired in 1986.

He was a World War II veteran, and a member of the Butler American Legion and the Butler Eagles.

On June 22, 1923, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Glen and Pauline (Fredrick) Beatty. He married Shirley (Anderson) Porter on Oct. 6, 1981, in Sevierville, Tenn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Shannon Beatty of Spring, Texas; a stepson, Jeffrey Porter of Lexington, S.C.; a daughter, Cindy Trosian of St. Pete Beach, Fla.; a stepdaughter, Alisha Heffley of Hudson; two brothers, Donald and Robert Beatty, both of Port Richie, Fla.; two grandchildren, Michael and Angela Beatty; three stepgrandchildren, Tyler, Jared and April Osborn; and a great-grandchild, Jacob Beatty.

A sister, Vivian VanAuken, and his parents preceded him in death.

Private family graveside services will be held at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Feller and Clark Funeral, Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Henry Rubley

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Henry C. Rubley, 83, of Camden, Mich., died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Hillsdale Community Health Center, Hillsdale, Mich.

Mr. Rubley was a retiree of Midwest Foundry and also a farmer.

In Steuben County, he was born to John and Edith (Stulz) Rubley on March 18, 1923. He married Juanita Eaton on Oct. 11, 1957. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Barlett and Helen Rubley, both of Camden, Mich., and Dawn and Gene Cook of Pleasant Lake, and three grandchildren.

Two sisters, a brother and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at George White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich., with Pastor David Tran officiating. Burial will be in Camden Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. Monday until the services.

Memorials are to the Reading Church of the Nazarene or the American Cancer Societv.

Ferda Burden

ANGOLA — Ferda Zorn Porter Burden, 86, of Angola died Thursday, March 1, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Burden worked at the Veterans Administration, as an accountant for the Marion Public Schools, and as a teacher and librarian at Indiana Northern where she received an MBA.

After retiring, she moved to Angola, and for many years lived at Lake James.

She also worked for Swager Tower as a chief accountant, and was a substitute teacher for Angola schools.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Churchf Christ.

She was born in Louisville, Ky., and married Harley Fremont Burden Jr. and moved to Marion at age 21. He survives.

Also surviving, in addition to her husband, are two sons and daughters-in-law, Arnold and Tobi Burden, and Ken and Jackie Burden; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the Congregational Church, 314 W. Maumee St., Angola, at 11 a.m. Monday with Pastor Deb Davis officiating.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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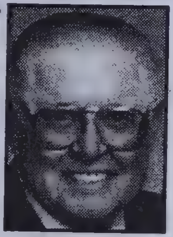
Dale Nedele

FORT WAYNE — Dale H. Nedele, 87, of Angola died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Nedele

Mr. Nedele was a lifelong dairy farmer. He enjoyed gardening and fishing. He served as Scott Township Trustee for eight years, and was also a Steuben County Commissioner.

Mr. Nedele was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Fremont to John Thomas and Iva (Teeter) Nedele.

He married Doris E. Boore on Aug. 24, 1940, in Angola. She preceded him in death on Oct. 11, 2005.

Survivors include three daughters, Connie and Larry Miller of Valparaiso, Sharon and Leroy Romine of Valparaiso, and Nancy and Bill Bowling of Fremont; two grandchildren, Jacinda (Jason) Ritter of Fremont and Joe (Heidi) Miller of Valparaiso; four great-grandchildren, Janessa and Justin Ritter and Matthew and Rachel Miller; and a close friend, Edward "Chip" Rakestraw of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and a brother, Paul Nedele.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at Fremont Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne or the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ester Taylor

KENDALLVILLE — Ester B. Taylor, 100, of Kendallville, died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor was born in Elwood on Aug. 8, 1906, to Harold and Linda Belle Flanders.

She married Atla J. Taylor on Sept. 29, 1923, in Elkhart. He preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1994.

Along with her husband, she owned Taylor Shoe Store on Main Street in Kendallville for many years. She also volunteered in the McCray Memorial Hospital gift shop for more than 40 years. She was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville where she was a member of the Esther Circle. She was also a longtime member of the McCray Memorial Hospital Guild.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Ehlers, of Kendallville; a grandson, Scott and Mary Ehlers of Venice, Fla.; a granddaughter, Christine Howard, of Rome City; three great granddaughters, Angie and Steven Sibert of Kendallville, Summer and Joshua Treesh of Kendallville and Megan Ehlers of Venice; and three great-great-grandchildren, Kane Sibert, Taylor Christine Sibert and Caden Treesh.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer presiding.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Joshua Treesh, Steven Sibert, John Henney, Lawrence Pankop, Steven Owen and Ken Stark.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church or the American Cancer Society. View a memorial video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Harold C. Miller, 81, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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John Nicholson

SILVER SPRING, Md. — John J. Nicholson, 91, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Holy Cross Rehab and Nursing Center in Burtonsville, Md.

Mr. Nicholson was born in Bristol, W. Va., on July 31, 1915, to William John and Cora (Morris) Nicholson.

He married June E. Nicholson and she preceded him in death February 10, 1992.

He was in the construction business and employed as a carpenter with the local union.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Kathryn Nicholson of Olney, Md.; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Harold Stahbe of Kendallville; a niece, Carolyn Smith of South Carolina; and a great niece, Mary Beth and Max Melchi of Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Al Wingfield will officiate. Burial will also be at Lake View Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Gloria Spangle

ANGOLA — Gloria L. Spangle, 84, of Angola died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

She worked at the Angola Public Library and for Northern Indiana Fuel and Light. She was a charter member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola and a past President of the Rho chapter on Psi Iota Xi.

Mrs. Spangle was born March 22, 1922, in Angola to the late Frank "Curly" H. and Gertrude (German) Deller.

She married Max E. Spangle on Dec. 24, 1941, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Sept. 3, 2006.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, James R. and Susan Spangle of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah S. and Lynn Smathers of Hudson; a brother, Gerald "Buzz" Deller of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Jennifer and Jon Cleaver of Chicago, Kara and Cameron McElwrath of Auburn, Ill., Michelle and Ryan Herbert of Angola, and Matthew Spangle of Angola; along with six great grandchildren.

Memorial services for Mrs. Spangle will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church. Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola. Friends may sign a guestbook for Mrs. Spangle at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Doris Uehlein

FORT WAYNE — Doris Phyllis Uehlein, 83, died Friday, March 2, 2007, at The Waters of Summit City in Fort Wayne.

She worked at the GE plant in Fort Wayne for 25 years as a lead operator. She was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose #556 in Auburn and the Waterloo VFW Auxiliary.

Mrs. Uehlein was born Nov. 6, 1923, in Steuben County to Phillip and Etta (Herr) Schuller. Both preceded her in death.

She married Robert E. Uehlein on March 25, 1944, in Ege. He preceded her in death Feb. 15, 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Uehlein of Garrett and Terry Uehlein of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra Uehlein of Spencerville and Bobetter Roberts of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Chris Roberts, Scott Johnson, Phyllis Wise, Mitzie Uehlein , Ann Mettert, Nicole West, Dave Gerbers and Melissa Uehlein; and eight great-grandchildren, Brendin, Kyle, Kendall, Kelsey, Kristen, Sadie, Audra and Chris Jr.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; a brother, Walter Schuller; two sisters, Marvelle Freeze and Margaret Freeze; and one grandson, Chad Uehlein.

Services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Fr. Babasino Fernandes will officiate.

Calling will be held from 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn. A rosary will be held at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials may be made to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.

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Bertha Martin

LORIS, S.C. — Bertha Naomi Martin, 94, of Shipshewana died Friday, March 2, 2007, at her daughter's home in Loris, S.C.

She worked in her youth at Goshen Bag Factory until she started sewing draperies for the RV industry. She worked at Fan Coach for more than 30 years. She became a member of Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana in 1966, where she was active in sewing and other church activities.

Mrs. Martin

After retiring, she volunteered at Rainbow Years Learning Ministry and LaGrange County Hospital. She was also known for her beautiful quilts she made for families and charities. Bertha also crocheted large table dollies for wedding gifts and made sure all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren had a handmade baby blanket.

Mrs. Martin was born July 25, 1912, in Madison Township to Aaron C. Myers and Clara A. (Weldy) Myers. Both preceded her in death.

On Oct. 20, 1934, she married Ivan C. Martin. He preceded her in death Nov. 11, 1970.

Surviving are a son, Dana and Jean Martin of Shipshewana; four daughters, Joan and Jim Jantzi of Shipshewana, Sherrill and Larry Vardaman of Shipshewana, and Bonita and Bill Kaufmann of Loris, and Brenda and Loren Loucks of Goshen; two brothers, Robert Myers of Elkhart and Lowell Myers of Somerset, Mich.; 16 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mabel Yoder and Maxine Newcomer; and five brothers, Roscoe, Kenneth, Harold, Forrest and Warren Myers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W. U.S. 20 in Shipshewana. The Rev. Carl Horner and Rev. Brent Eash will officiate.

Calling will be held Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Mennonite Church. Burial will be at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church Cemetery in Goshen.

Velta Myers

LAGRANGE — Velta J. Myers, 83, of LaGrange died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at the Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Karen Sowers

GOSHEN — Karen K. Sowers, 52, of Goshen died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

She was born June 8, 1954.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

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Margaret Hutchings

LIGONIER — Margaret B. Hutchings, 84, of Ligonier died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and lifelong resident of Ligonier. She was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, Good Samaritans and the Young at Heart Dancers. She enjoyed her grandchildren, music and reading. She made hundreds of dolls and clowns for the church bazaar for many years.

Mrs. Hutchings was born June 9, 1922, in Columbia City to Herbert and Freda (Hursey) Keiser.

She married Robert DeBolt on Aug. 2, 1938. He preceded her in death in March of 1953. She married O. Leon Hutchings on Dec. 30, 1955. He preceded in October of 1987.

Survivors include four sons, Roger (Marna) DeBolt of Ligonier, Ronald DeBolt of Sparks, Nev., Rickey (Bonnie) DeBolt of Wawaka and Richard (Barbara) DeBolt of Syracuse, N.Y.; three step-children; Shirley (Ronald) Swartz of Ligonier, Estella (David) Spradlin of Mason, Ohio, and Steven (Judy) Hutchings of Urbana, Ohio; one brother, Dale (Betty) Keiser; and two sisters, Bethleen Downam and Arla Fenning; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren, 28 step-great-grandchildren and eight step-great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Robert DeBolt and Kevin Hutchings; two brothers; and a sister.

Services will be held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Towline Road in Ligonier. The Rev. Jean Ness will preside.

Calling will be held Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Good Samaritans.

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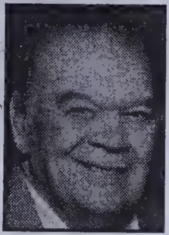
Kendallville business owner Harold Miller dies at age 81

KENDALLVILLE — Longtime Kendallville businessman Harold C. Miller, 81, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller and his family owned and operated Miller's Restaurant, CMW Trucking and Miller Motel.

He began his career working as an auto mechanic for McCall Motors in Fort Wayne and worked there until 1950. In 1951, he bought out the Carl Barker auto dealership in Kendallville and went into business along with his father as Miller K-F Motors on Main Street.

In 1955, they built a showroom and garage on U.S. 6 and renamed the business Miller Motors.

Mr. Miller entered the United States Navy in 1943 and served during World War II in the Asia Pacific Theatre until 1946.

He attended Harvest Community Church, Kendallville.

Mr. Miller was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 29, 1925, to Harold Henry and Laura Ellen (Pettit) Miller.

Mr. Miller's first marriage was to Rosemary (Hanks) Miller on Oct. 11, 1947 in Fort Wayne and she preceded him in death March 2, 1958. He later married Patricia Louise (Connett) Miller on May 5, 1962, in Fort Wayne and she preceded him in death Sept. 3, 2003.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Hal and Robyn Miller and Scott and Laurie Miller, all of Kendallville and Kim and Sherley Miller of Rome City; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dawn and Steve McCreery of Rome City, Janice Coleman of Kendallville and Pam and Bob Tuffley of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, David Miller of Kendallville and Norman "Duke" and Debra Miller of Angola; 11 grandchildren and their spouses, Cory and Summer Miller, Stacy and Brett Beiswanger, Lisa Coleman, Lori and Joe VanCamp, Jaime and Randy Owens, Ty Miller, Taylor Miller, Gabe and Daphne Jones, Stephanie and Andrew Leonhardt, Heath and Kristie McCreery, and Christopher McCreery; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Jean Miller on Thanksgiving Day in 1962, and an infant sister, Gloria.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville with Pastor Rich Laskowski officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be his grandsons, Cory, Heath, Chris, Gabe, Ty, Andy, Joe, Brett and Randy.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services at the church Wednesday.

Memorials are to Harvest AWANA Kids Club.

Condolences are to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donovan Kessler

COLUMBIA CITY — Donovan Lee Kessler, 2-year-old son of Scott Lee and Elizabeth (Ware) Kessler of Columbia City died Thursday, March 1, 2007, at Brenner Children's Hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C.

He was born July 4, 2004, in Columbia City.

Surviving with his parents are a sister, Dixie Ryanne Jean Kessler of Columbia City; grandparents, Scott Lee and Tammie Kessler of Columbia City, Larry Ware of Fort Wayne and Tammy Azar and Byron Yoder of Big Lake in Noble County; and great-grandparents, Robert Leas of Garrett, and James Wilcox, Margaret Roeger, Charles and Leota Ware and Don Gruber, all of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor John Williams of Freedom Farm Ministries officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday and two hours prior to services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Due to Donovan's love of the movie "Cars," the family request those attending the visitation and services bring a toy car to be distributed to needy children. Memorials are also to the Donovan Lee Kessler Family Memorial Fund in care of the funeral home.

Condolences are to www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Lawrence Frye

AUBURN — Lawrence E. "Larry" Frye, 71, of Auburn died Friday, March 2, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Frye was a line crew supervisor for Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. of Fort Wayne for 44 years, retiring in March of 1997. He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn, the Tri County Pony Pullers Association, 4 County Pony Pullers Association, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, AEP Live Wirers and the DeKalb County Fair Association.

He was born March 6, 1935, in Harlan to Lester O. and Doris I. (Hodges) Frye. They preceded him in death.

He married Patricia J. Flora on June 30, 1956, in North Manchester. She died Oct. 6, 2000.

Surviving are four sons, Douglas L. Frye and his wife, Dawn, Richard D. Frye and his wife, Jody, Brian K. Frye and Denis C. Frye and his girlfriend, Joan, all of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Jodie R. and Christopher Botteron of Madison, Wis.; a brother, Randy L. Frye of Urbana; 13 grandchildren, Nathan L. Frye, Kristin R. Damstra, Richard D. Frye II, David J. Frye, Jacqueline R. Frye, Brittney N. Frye, Jamie N. Hang, Benjamin J. Botteron, Janel A. Frye, Sabrina J. Pritchard, Misty Williams, Derrick Staley and Steven Warstler; nine great-grandchildren, Shelby M. Warstler, Bryce A. Damstra, Shyanne Pritchard, Jaylynn Pritchard, Nevaeh Pritchard, Ty R. Smurr, Javier Moreno, Megan Moreno and Natalee Warstler.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Max W. Frye, and three grandchildren, Bridget Jo Botteron, Brian K. Frye Jr. and Jeremy M. Frye.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 211 W. Ninth St., Auburn. The Rev. Stephen Kummernuss will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military honors conducted by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Karen Sowers

GOSHEN — Karen Kay Sowers, 52, of Goshen died at 1:32 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen where she had been a resident since 2000.

Mrs. Sowers

She had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1979.

Mrs. Sowers had spent most of her life in Emma.

She was a 1972 graduate of Westview High School and a member of Emma Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Sowers enjoyed the outdoors, doing latch hooking, sunbathing, music and spending time with her friends.

She was born June 8, 1954, in Goshen to Stanley and Norma (Yoder) Mishler. They survive.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Rachel Sowers of Raleigh, N.C.; her ex-husband, Richard Sowers Jr. of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Rhonda Misher of Rock Wall, Texas; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ulonda and Winford Jones of LaGrange and Jan and Dale Schrock of Goshen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Emma Mennonite Church with the Rev. Gene Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Emma Mennonite Church or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret Vaughn

SEBRING, Fla. — Margaret Louise (Griffith) Vaughn, 81, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Hamilton died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring from complications following surgery.

Mrs. Vaughn was born July 20, 1925, in Hamilton. She was an elementary school teacher and was retired from Hamilton Community Schools.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori Vaughn of Fremont; a sister, Laurene Kunkle of Angola; a brother-in-law, Hal Vaughn of Fremont; and nine nieces and 13 nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ron Vaughn; a daughter, Cindy Vaughn; and a sister, Christine (Griffith) Williams.

Local services will be at 11 a.m. March 17 at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Calling will be one hour before services at the church.

Services will also be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring, with the Rev. Alvin Conner officiating. Calling will be one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Additional obituary information will be announced prior to local services.

Local arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences can be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Velta Myers

LAGRANGE — Velta J. Myers, 83, of LaGrange died at 4:55 p.m. Saturday at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Myers had been a nurses' aide at Walters Nursing Home in Sturgis, Mich., and served as a sit-in companion for the sick and elderly for many years.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was born June 3, 1923, in Sturgis, Mich., to Fred and Anna (Miller) Carpenter. She married Lyle "Curley" Myers on April 15, 1941, in LaGrange. He died in 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Mary Joan Myers of Howe; two daughters, Deloris Schlabach of White Pigeon, Mich., and Diane Myers of LaGrange; five grandchildren, Rick Schlabach and Teresa Yunker, both of Howe, Deb Schlabach of Cave City, Ky., Tami Smith of Sturgis, Mich., and Amy Priestly of LaGrange; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Carl Carpenter, Lloyd Carpenter and Orville Carpenter; and a sister, Dessie Evan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Laura Burkhead

Mrs. Burkhead

BURR OAK, Mich. — Laura A. Burkhead, 39, of Burr Oak, Mich., died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Battle Creek Health Systems in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Burkhead was born Oct. 25, 1967, in Sturgis, Mich., to Richard and Carolyn June (Akins) Loerch. She had lived in Burr Oak all her life, and graduated from Burr Oak High School in 1986.

She married William "Hap" Burkhead in Angola on July 3, 1999. He survives.

She was a homemaker and a pharmacy technician. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, cooking, playing the lottery and her animals.

Also surviving are twin daughters Nayette and Nastasha Quinn, both at home; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Penny and Russ Krontz and Jodie Sparks, all of Sturgis; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Cindy Reed.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis, with the Rev. David Porter officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Online condolences can be left at www.legacy.com.

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Max Fetzer

COLUMBIA CITY — Max Steven Fetzer, 50, of Columbia City, died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at The Oaks Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Mr. Fetzer was born Oct. 31, 1956, in Auburn. He worked at Wolf Envelope in Angola for two years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and music.

Surviving are his mother, Louise Fetzer of Hamilton; three sons, Max C. Fetzer, Stephen Carl Fetzer and Austin Harvey Fetzer, all of Hamilton; and a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Charles Peters of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father, Max H. Fetzer, in 1993, and two sisters, Cathie J. Baker and Rebecca A. Cool.

There will be no services or calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being reprinted to list an additional surviving relative.*

Doris Uehlein

FORT WAYNE — Doris Phyllis Uehlein, 83, died Friday, March 2, 2007, at The Waters of Summit City in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Uehlein worked at the General Electric plant in Fort Wayne for 25 years as a lead operator. She was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose 556 in Auburn and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born Nov. 6, 1923, in Steuben County to Phillip and Etta (Herr) Schuller. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert E. Uehlein on March 25, 1944, in Ege. He died Feb. 15, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Uehlein of Garrett and Terry Uehlein of Auburn; two daughters, Sandra Uehlein of Spencerville and Bobetter Roberts of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Chris Roberts, Scott Johnson, Phyllis Wise, Mitzie Uehlein, Ann Mettert, Nicole West, Dave Gerbers and Melissa Uehlein; and nine great-grandchildren, Brendin, Kyle, Kendall, Kelsey, Kristen, Sadie, Audra, Chris Jr. and Cole.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Schuller; two sisters, Marvelle Freeze and Margaret Freeze; and one grandson, Chad Uehlein.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. ESat Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. A rosary service will begin at 5 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Memorials are the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.

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R. Jane Spangle

ANGOLA — R. Jane Spangle, 81, of Angola died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Spangle was born in Hamilton on April 2, 1925, to Kenneth and Addie (Cosper) Noragon. She married Charles K. Spangle on Aug. 12, 1944, in Alvarado. He survives.

She loved flower gardening, especially roses and African violets.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard P. and Marva Spangle of Angola; three daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Gebhardt and Margaret Rockey, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marilyn and Steven Penland of Wheaton, Ill.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Morris.

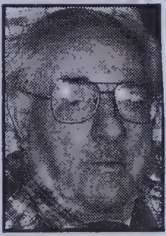
Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. to the time of the service.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare & Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Paul Sweitzer

SHIPSHEWANA — Paul R. Sweitzer, 86, of Shipshewana died at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, March 4, 2007, at his home.


Mr. Sweitzer

Mr. Sweitzer was a lifetime area resident and had been a farmer.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and served in North Africa as an airplane mechanic.

He was born June 9, 1920, in LaGrange County to Ray and Mary (Connelly) Sweitzer. He married June Hackelman and she died in 2004.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn Rauguth and Lucille Sweitzer; two stepbrothers; and two stepsisters.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at White Pigeon Cemetery in White Pigeon, Mich., with military services by the Sturgis, Mich., American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Susie Lehman

SHIPSHEWANA — Susie S. Lehman, 68, of Shipshewana died unexpectedly at 11:20 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Lehman was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born March 8, 1938, in LaGrange County to Samuel and Anna (Miller) Farmwald. She married Amos E. Lehman on Feb. 20, 1958, in Shipshewana. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Anna Mae and Nelson Frye of Shipshewana, Elsie and Floyd Miller of Middlebury and Alta and Marlin Yoder of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Dorinda Lehman of LaGrange; a sister, Ada Schwartz of Vicksburg, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and Edna Farmwald of Shipshewana; 21 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, LaVern Lehman; a granddaughter, Elaine Kay Yoder; a sister, Alta Raber; and a brother, Vernon Farmwald.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Marlin Yoder residence, 2615 N. C.R. 500W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Mahlon Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Marlin Yoder residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Margaret Aubert

AUBURN — Margaret R. Aubert, 89, of Auburn died Monday, March 5, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Aubert was a registered nurse in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. She worked in several hospitals with patients in gynecology, labor and delivery, pediatrics and private duty, then retired in 1981 as an industrial nurse for W.F. Hall Printing Co. in Chicago.

She belonged to Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. She was an elder at Mayfair Presbyterian Church in Chicago, where she received a 25-year certificate. Most recently, she had been a member of Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She was born March 31, 1917, at Sharon, Pa., to Leo W. and Priscilla C. (Charles) Ramage. They preceded her in death.

She married Maurice R. Aubert in Mercer, Pa., in March 1938. He died in November 1948.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Margaret and Roland Myers of Kankakee, Ill., and Maris and Steve Sebastain of Edgerton, Ohio; one sister, Olive Portal of Hubbard, Ohio; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery at Sharon, Pa.

Calling will be Wednesdy from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friends Table of Auburn Presbyterian Church or the Indian Village Church of God Food Pantry.

Valerie Brown

GARRETT — Valerie A. Brown, 44, of Garrett died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Brown was a homemaker. She was born Feb. 3, 1963, in Auburn to Myles and Janet (Bergstrom) Healy. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother survives in Garrett.

She married Joseph Brown on Sept. 1, 2000, in Butler. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Jesse Wayne Littrell and Jackie William Littrell, both of Oneonta, Ala.; a daughter, Breanna Elaine Littrell of Oneonta, Ala.; a brother and sister-in-law, Pat and Margit Healy of Portland, Ore.; her aunts and uncles, Rick and Lanie Bergstrom, Vickie and Henry Zecca and Jim and Rosella DePew, all of Auburn, and Hiroko Healy of Edgerton, Ohio; her mother-in-law, Marge Brown of Garrett; several nieces, nephews and cousins and four great-aunts.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marsha Healy, her grandparents, Falconer and Hilda Bergstrom and Signa Sindel, and two uncles, Don and Alfred Healy.

There will be no services or calling. Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Bertha Martin

SHIPSHEWANA — Services for Bertha Naomi Martin, 94, of Shipshewana will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7235 W. U.S. 20 in Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the church.

Mrs. Martin died Friday, March 2, 2007, at her daughter's home in Loris, S.C.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Esta Reinoehl

GARRETT — Esta "Bud" Reinoehl, 78, of Garrett died unexpectedly Monday, March 5, 2007, in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 6, 2007, Tuesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

John Nicholson

SILVER SPRING, Md. — John J. Nicholson, 91, of Silver Spring died Wednesday Feb. 28, 2007, at Holy Cross Rehab and Nursing Center in Burtonsville, Md.

Mr. Nicholson had been in the construction business and employed as a carpenter with the local union.

He was born in Bristol, W.Va., on July 31, 1915, to William John and Cora (Morris) Nicholson. He married June E. Sollenberger and she preceded him in death Feb. 10, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Kathryn Nicholson of Olney, Md.; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Harold Stabe of Kendallville; a niece, Carolyn Smith of South Carolina; three nephews, Ted Smith of South Carolina, Jim Smith of North Carolina and Larry Smith of New Haven; and a great-niece and her husband, Mary Beth and Max Melchi of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating.

Calling will be from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Krause

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Ann Krause, 74, of Kendallville died Monday, March 5, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Krause was a homemaker.

She was born in Albion, Mich., on July 2, 1932, to Vaughn Stokes and Doris (Dilley) Thompson. She married Edward Krause on Oct. 2, 1954, in Jackson, Mich. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kurt and Judy Krause of Phoenix, Ariz., Karl and Pat Krause of Kendallville and Kevin Krause of Chicago; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Dan Seitz of Kendallville; a brother, David Thompson of Murchison, Texas; and three grandchildren, Casey Seitz, Justin Krause and Brandi Morse; and two great-grandchildren, Dillon Krause and Abigail Krause.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Joyce Taylor.

There are no services scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Dale Wright

ASHLEY — Dale Wright, 92, of Ashley died today, Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at home.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

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March 7, 2007, Wednesday

William Hicks

BRADENTON, Fla. — William Thomas "Tommy" Hicks, 75, of Bradenton and formerly of Topeka died unexpectedly Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Hicks

Mr. Hicks was employed in the telecommunications industry. During his career, he lived in various parts of the world, including Iran and Abu Dhabi.

After retiring, he and his wife moved to Topeka where they opened a restaurant and noodle factory. In 2005, they left Indiana and returned to their second home in Bradenton.

He graduated from Fillmore, Calif., High School in 1948, where he was a member of the football team. Following graduation, he served in Korea in the United States Air Force and then attended Venture College.

Mr. Hicks was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the American Legion.

He enjoyed attending hot rod car shows. He was great at handyman projects, and recently remodeled his home in Bradenton. He will be remembered as a fun-loving man.

He was born March 31, 1931, in Fillmore, Calif., to Hubert and Maude Hicks.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy "Suzie" (Harlan) Hicks of Bradenton; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lori Hicks; three grandchildren, Ashley, Austin and Faith; three nieces, Beverly Bigger, Jan Ball and Kay Core; and a nephew, Ray Tucker, all of Southern California.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hubert Hicks; his mother, Maude (Hicks) Harralson; two sisters, Marian Tucker and Mildred Hicks; and two brothers, Gerald Hicks and Melvin Hicks.

A memorial service was held Feb. 16 in Bradenton.

Arnold New III

INDIANAPOLIS — Arnold R. "Buddy" New III, 40, of Indianapolis died Saturday, March 3, 2007.

Mr. New worked as a city driver for Fed Ex Freight, with 10 years of service.

He was born Nov. 4, 1966, to Arnold R. New Jr. and Sharon (Grantham) New.

Surviving are his wife, Mishelle (Brinkman) New; a son, Justin Strange; a stepson Jeremy Knott; a stepdaughter, Nicolle Knott; his mother, Sharon New; his brother and best friend, Robert New; a grandmother, Maurine "Granny" Grantham; three nieces, Samantha and Shelby New and Chasity Fromm; three nephews, Dustin Harper, Justin Fromm and Jerad Cooper; his mother-in-law, Sharon Best; his father-in-law, James Brinkman; a stepmother-in-law, Pat Brinkman; a brother-in-law, Kenneth Brinkman; two sisters-in-law, Denise Cooper and Rondia Harper; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Mr. New was preceded in death by his father; a grandfather, Arnold R. New; a grandmother, Neva (Hicks) New; a grandfather, Layman Grantham; and an uncle, Doug Grantham.

Services will be Saturday at noon at Legacy Funeral Alternatives at Memorial Park; where friends may call Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Dorothy Conley

LAOTTO — Dorothy Conley, 71, of LaOtto died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Conley

Mrs. Conley was a homemaker.

She enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading, nature and wildlife.

Mrs. Conley attended Grace Christian Church in Kendallville.

She was born in Garrett, Ky., on Jan. 29, 1936, to Crit and Maggie (Bradley) Handshoe. She married Bennie Conley on Dec. 15, 1951, in Fremont. He preceded her death on Oct. 16, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Clidia Conley and Jeff and Latesa Conley, all of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and Daryl Mitchell and Barbara Bowman, all of LaOtto, and Elizabeth and Nick Weber of Avilla; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Glenna and G.C. Johnson of LaOtto, Antha and John Bailey of Auburn and Delphi Miller of Brimfield; a brother, Garman Handshoe of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Ruth Bailey, Julie Conley and Edith Cook; and three brothers, Pard, Arnold and Garnel Handshoe.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett. Pallbearers will be Nate Mitchell, Jason Weber, Justin Weber, Jared Conley, Chad Conley, Lonnie Conley and Gary Long.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Franklin Schlotterback

KENDALLVILLE — Franklin David Schlotterback, 86, of Kendallville and formerly of Albion died at 10:45 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007, in Kendallville.

Mr. Schlotterback

A lifetime Noble County resident, Mr. Schlotterback had retired in 1985. He had been employed at Noble County REMC and Prentice Products in Fort Wayne.

He had a degree in accounting from Indiana Business College.

Mr. Schlotterback served in the Air Force during World War II and the Korean War.

He was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

Mr. Schlotterback was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and attended St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo, Fla.

He was born June 21, 1920, in Noble County to Thomas and Florence (Ott) Schlotterback. He married Mary Kathryn Peterson on Sept. 30, 1962. She survives.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ira, Harry and Daniel Schlotterback; and two sisters, Sara Truelove and Rachel McNeal.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 N. Orange St., Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Barker officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Frederick Fleming

LAKE ORION, Mich. — Frederick E. Fleming, 84, of Lake Orion, Mich., and formerly of Auburn died Sunday, March 4, 2007.

Mr. Fleming was a production manager at Borg-Warner. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; two sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Patricia Fleming of Auburn and Michael and Sandra Fleming of Springboro, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Connie Fleming; six grandchildren, Andrea, Ryan, David, Daniel, Andy and Leann; a great-grandson, Cory; and a brother, Frank.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty; a son, Rick Fleming; and two brothers, Kenneth and Leon.

Services will be today at 11 a.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 1715 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, with Pastor Bill Bendert officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

A memorial reflection may be left at www.sparksgriffin.com.

The Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, 111 E. Flint St., Lake Orion, is handling arrangements.

***THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY** is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

R. Jane Spangle

ANGOLA — R. Jane Spangle, 81, of Angola died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

She loved flower gardening, especially roses and African violets.

Mrs. Spangle was born in Hamilton on April 2, 1925, to Kenneth and Addie (Cosper) Noragon. She married Charles K. Spangle on Aug. 12, 1944, in Alvarado. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard P. and Marva Spangle of Angola; three daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Gebhardt and Margaret Rockey, both of Phoenix, Ariz., and Marilyn and Steven Penland of Wheaton, Ill.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Morris.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ken Butz officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 11 a.m. to the time of the service.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare & Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences can be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Raymond Nixon

NEW CARLISLE — Raymond H. Nixon, 72, of New Carlisle died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

He was retired from Amoco Oil Co. He was a member of the New Carlisle United Methodist Church and New Carlisle Lions Club. He served as treasurer of the New Carlisle Hometown Days and the memorials fund of New Carlisle United Methodist Church. He also served as an usher at Notre Dame football games and volunteered as a poll worker serving in all positions with the St. Joseph County Election Board.

Mr. Nixon was born April 6, 1934, in Decatur, Ala., and had lived in New Carlisle since 1953. He married Betty A. Adkins in South Bend on June 27, 1953. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Deborah and Dave Griffin of Angola, Cassandra Nixon of Raleigh, N.C., and Kimberly and Kurt Kalberer of Granger; two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Tina Nixon of Charleston, S.C., and Richard and Miriam Nixon of New Carlisle; a sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Johnny Tuten of Tuscembia, Ala.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Patsy Nixon of Decatur, Ala.; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer, Brian, Stacey, Jenna, Nicole, Matthew, Grace, Keith, Kassidy, Christiana and Elijah; and one great-grandchild, Lauren.

Private services will be held.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at New Carlisle United Methodist Church.

Memorials are to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637 or the New Carlisle Fire Department, P.O. Box 85, New Carlisle, IN 46552.

Kaniewski Funeral Home, New Carlisle is handling arrangements.

Esta Reinoehl

GARRETT — Esta "Bud" Reinoehl, 78, of Garrett died unexpectedly at 10:24 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Reinoehl

Mr. Reinoehl had made his home with his sister, Odessie Shultz, the past six years and was a lifetime area resident.

He had been employed at Newnam (Dalton) Foundry in Kendallville.

Mr. Reinoehl had attended the Nazarene Church in Garrett.

He was born Dec. 27, 1928, in Noble County to Franklin and Hazel Agnes (Snyder) Reinoehl. He married Ruth E. Wirick on June 8, 1956. She died March 16, 2005.

Surviving are two sisters, Blanchie Shultz of Fort Wayne and Odessie Schultz; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by four sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Patrick Hess officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery at Corunna. Pallbearers will be Keith Shultz, Bob Shultz, Nate Shultz, Erwin Christie, Gerald Herron, Chuck Herron, Mathew Perry Jr. and Matt Perry Sr.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Church of the Nazarene in Garrett.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error and include a photo.*

Margaret Hutchings

LIGONIER — Margaret B. Hutchings, 84, of Ligonier died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and lifelong resident of Ligonier.

Mrs. Hutchings was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, Good Samaritans and the Young at Heart Dancers.

Mrs. Hutchings

She enjoyed her grandchildren, music and reading. She made hundreds of dolls and clowns for the church bazaar for many years.

Mrs. Hutchings was born June 9, 1922, in Columbia City to Herbert and Freda (Hursey) Keiser. She married Robert DeBolt on Aug. 2, 1938. He died in March 1953. She then married O. Leon Hutchings on Dec. 30, 1955. He died in October 1987.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Roger and Marna DeBolt of Ligonier, Ronald DeBolt of Sparks, Nev., Rickey and Bonnie DeBolt of Wawaka and Richard and Barbara DeBolt of Syracuse; three stepchildren; Shirley and Ronald Swartz of Ligonier, Estella and David Spradlin of Mason, Ohio, and Steven and Judy Hutchings of Urbana, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Betty Keiser; two sisters, Bethleen Downam and Arla Fenning; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 28 stepgreat-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Robert DeBolt and Kevin Hutchings; two brothers; and a sister.

Services were held Tuesday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Good Samaritans.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Dale Rinehold

WATERLOO — Dale E. Rinehold, 65, of Waterloo died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rinehold

Mr. Rinehold was the co-owner and operator of Rinehold Tack and Western Wear in Waterloo for the past 38 years. He was a lifetime farmer in Smithfield Township. He was a member of the DeKalb County Horseman's Association and the Indiana Haflinger Association. He also was a former DeKalb County 4-H leader and a member and the first president of the DeKalb County Horse and Pony Club.

He was born April 22, 1941, in Auburn to Carl Ivan and Lorraine (Likes) Rinehold. They preceded him in death.

He married Jean Sebert on May 12, 1963, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Brad Hamlin of Pleasant Lake; a son, Timothy L. Rinehold of Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Max Reinoehl of Ashley; a brother, Roger Rinehold; three grandchildren, Logan Rinehold, Josie Rinehold and Hunter Hamlin; and two stepgrandchildren, Heather Hamlin and Haley Hamlin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Craig Burkholder and the Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County 4-H.

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From The Family of Jack Keyes

To all who visited, called, said a prayer, brought food, flowers and came to say good-bye - we thank you.

"It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
Part of us went with you
The day God called you home".

Special thank you to Ft. Wayne Onocology staff, Lori Crigger, Dr. Aggareval, Dr. Jan, visiting nurse and hospice home, Rev. Stan Kessler, Brian DeCamp, Hite Funeral Home and all our caring friends. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Connie Keyes, Staci, Lanisa, Tyson & Tim

Dale Wright

ASHLEY — Dale Wright, 92, of Ashley died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at home.

He was a retired farmer and was also retired from Moore Business Forms, Angola. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Ashley, and Angola Moose Lodge No. 1568.

Mr. Wright was born Oct. 12, 1914, in Helmer to Ora and Cora (Freed) Wright. He married Percita Overhulse in Angola on Nov. 4, 1939, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen Mergy of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Kari Wright of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Donna Jean Cook of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and their spouses, Johnny and Leigh Mergy, Tonya and Rhon Van Erman, Zachary Wright and Jessica Wright; and five great-grandchildren, Turner Van Erman and Laura, Lindsay, Chloe and Ella Mergy.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Olin Wright.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. John's United Church of Christ or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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William Thomas Hicks, 75

Bradenton, Florida — William Thomas (Tommy) Hicks passed away suddenly at his home in Bradenton, Florida on Thursday, February 1, 2007.

Tom was born to Maude and Hubert Hicks on March 31, 1931 in Fillmore, California. He graduated from Fillmore High School in 1948, where he proudly played on the football team. After graduation, he served in the United States Air Force in Korea. He then attended Venture College.

Mr. Hicks was employed in the telecommunications industry. During his career, he lived in various parts of the world, including Iran during the reign of the Shah, and Abu Dhabi. He used to say that he had been to over 35 countries, but not to many states.

After retiring, he and his wife Kathy moved to Topeka, Indiana where they opened a restaurant and noodle factory in the heart of Amish Country. In 2005, they left Indiana and returned to their second home in Bradenton, Florida.

An interest Tom held throughout his lifetime was in classic hot rods. He enjoyed attending car shows. He was great at handyman projects, recently remodeling his home in Bradenton. Tom was a fun-loving man and would most likely be spotted wearing one of his many Hawaiian shirts.

Mr. Hicks was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his father Hubert Hicks; his mother Maude (Hicks) Harralson; sisters Marian Tucker and Mildred Hicks; and brothers Gerald Hicks and Melvin Hicks.

Tom is survived by his wife, Kathy (Suzie) (Harlan) of Bradenton, Florida; son David and his wife Lori, and grandchildren Ashley, Austin and Faith. Also surviving are nieces Beverly Bigger, Jan Ball, Kay Core and a nephew, Ray Tucker, all of southern California.

A memorial service was held on February 16, 2007 in Bradenton.

Barbara Bricker, 70

LAGRANGE — Barbara Jayne Bricker, 70, of LaGrange died Saturday, Feb.. 24, 2007, at Parkview Hospital.

Mrs. Bricker was born March 27, 1936, in Fort Wayne to Bernerd and Marie Proctor.

Surviving are her husband, Dale Bricker Sr. of LaGrange; three sons, Andel Harlan, Roger Harlan of California and Garth and Heidi Harlan of Markle; stepchildren, Kathy and Steve Farrier, Dale and Sallie Bricker Jr., Kevin and Mary Bricker and Keith and Cindy Bricker, all of Fort Wayne, Susan and John Maag of Fremont, Mark Bricker of Goshen, Steve and Jeannie Bricker of Avilla, Tina Jensen of Moreno Valley, Calif., and Jeff and Carrie Bricker of New Haven; 24 grandchildren including Travis Harlan; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Josh Harlan, and a sister.

Memorial services were Saturday, March 10, at Wesley Chapel, 13733 Wesley Chapel Road, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Advantage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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LaRue Ostman, 84

FORT WAYNE — LaRue F. (Gump) Ostman, 84, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Ostman had retired in 1985 after serving as a registered nurse in Michigan, Virginia, Maryland and Florida for 45 years. She was a graduate of the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

She was born Oct. 19, 1922, in Allen County to Merl and Trudie Gump.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Robert M. Ostman; two sons and daughters-in-law, Neal and Jan Ostman of Denver, Colo., and Wayne and Pam Ostman of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jayne and Marshall Miers of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Pauline Crothers of Avilla and Helen Waters of Fort Wayne; a brother-in-law, Jessie Fulk of Garrett; two sisters-in-law, Joy Derby and Manelle Ostman, both of Florida; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Services were at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Stan Sneeringer officiating. Private entombment will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Heartland Hospice.

Twilla Frye, 76

GARRETT — Twilla "Yvonne" Frye, 76, of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Frye was a pastor's wife for 35 years. She was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene and was a very active volunteer in the church.

She was born Jan. 26, 1931, in Lansing, Mich., to Arthur and Fay M. (Teed) Clark. They preceded her in death.

She married the Rev. John C. Frye on Nov. 27, 1948, in Mason, Mich., and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie L. and James Brown of Leslie, Mich., and Vickie S. and J.C. Meier of Avilla; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rick S. Frye, and a brother, Wayne E. Clark.

Services were Saturday at the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Paul White officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Edward Ray Campbell, 70

Portage, Ind. — Edward Ray Campbell of Portage, Indiana, formerly of California, and Albion, Indiana, died February 19, 2007.

Mr. Campbell was born December 31, 1937 to Walter Edward and Mary Evelyn Campbell. His mother survives.

On August 2, 1959, he married Caran Nicolaisin. She survives.

Other survivors are a son, Randy Campbell of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Brandon and Tyler Campbell; and a brother, Billy Campbell of Churubusco.

His father and one son, Raymond Edward Campbell, preceded him in death.

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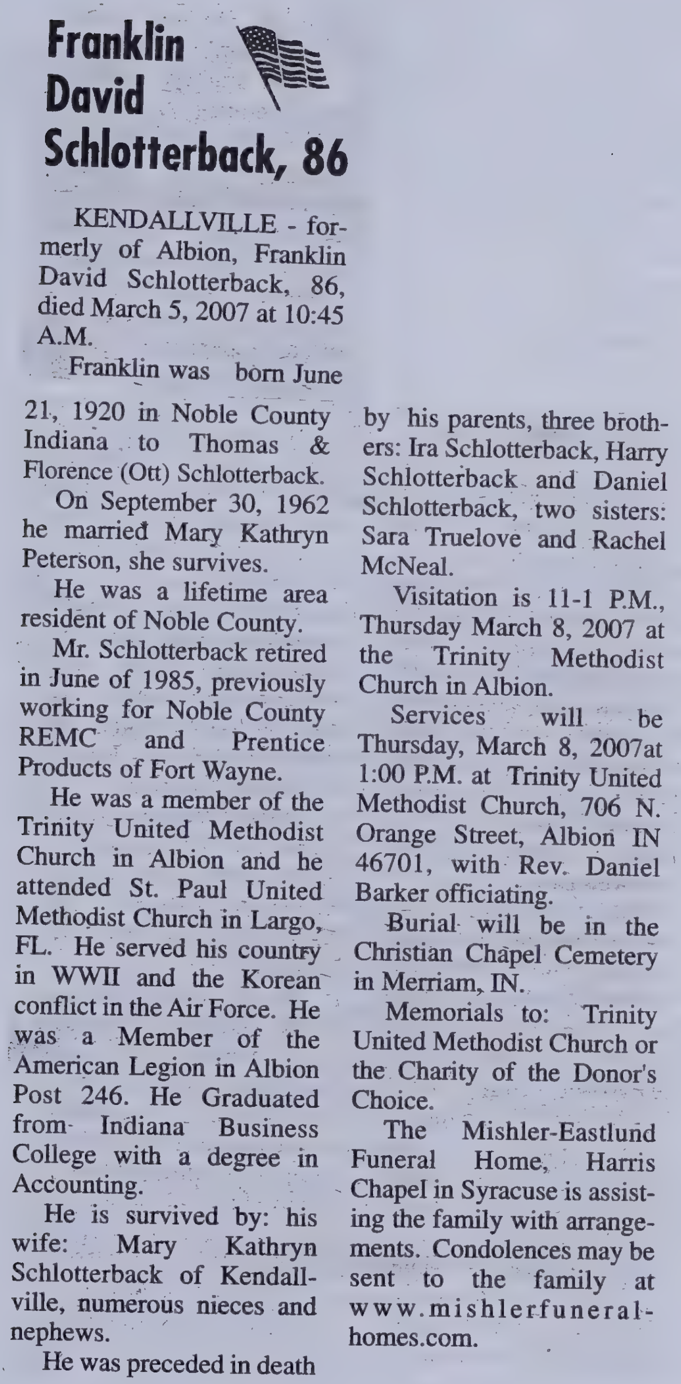

Franklin David Schlotterback, 86

KENDALLVILLE - formerly of Albion, Franklin David Schlotterback, 86, died March 5, 2007 at 10:45 A.M.

Franklin was born June 21, 1920 in Noble County Indiana to Thomas & Florence (Ott) Schlotterback.

On September 30, 1962 he married Mary Kathryn Peterson, she survives.

He was a lifetime area resident of Noble County.

Mr. Schlotterback retired in June of 1985, previously working for Noble County REMC and Prentice Products of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion and he attended St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo, FL. He served his country in WWII and the Korean conflict in the Air Force. He was a Member of the American Legion in Albion Post 246. He Graduated from Indiana Business College with a degree in Accounting.

He is survived by: his wife: Mary Kathryn Schlotterback of Kendallville, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Ira Schlotterback, Harry Schlotterback and Daniel Schlotterback, two sisters: Sara Truelove and Rachel McNeal.

Visitation is 11-1 P.M., Thursday March 8, 2007 at the Trinity Methodist Church in Albion.

Services will be Thursday, March 8, 2007at 1:00 P.M. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 N. Orange Street, Albion IN 46701, with Rev. Daniel Barker officiating.

Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, IN.

Memorials to: Trinity United Methodist Church or the Charity of the Donor's Choice.

The Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

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Robert Dailey

ANGOLA — Robert L. Dailey, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church and the Steuben County Farm Bureau. He enjoyed camping.

Mr. Dailey was born in Steuben County to Ralph and Verda (Strawser) Dailey on Aug. 3, 1919. He married Iola M. Conley on March 8, 1949. She preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Eloise Dailey of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sally and Norman Light of LaGrange and Paula Ritchie of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Shannon Dailey, Robin Dailey, Kevin Light, Brian Light, Tina Ritchie and Curt and Chris Alleshouse; 11 great-grandchildren, Kody, Audrey, Hunter, Savanna, Renee, Luke, Molly, Chadd, Dylan, Charity and Amber; and two great-great-grandchildren, Aidan and Damean.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ross and Howard Dailey; a sister, Helen Hodge; and two great-granddaughters, Amanda Childers and Janie Light.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Howard G. Compton officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Vance Boots, Gale Boots, Bob Augestine, Ron Morrison, LeRoy Kunce and Roger Canon.

Calling will be Friday fron 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Michele Hahn

PERU — Michele S. Hahn, 57, of Peru died at 3:44 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Hahn had been employed at Square D Co. for 35 years.

She had lived in Peru since 1964.

Mrs. Hahn enjoyed archery and had won many archery awards. She also loved spending time with her grandson, other members of her family and friends.

She was born Dec. 19, 1949, in Bremerton, Wash., to James H. and Joan A. Phillips Taylor. Her father survives in Peru and her mother is deceased.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shelly Hahn and her companion, Scott Miller, of Peru; a son, Timothy Hahn and his companion, Melissa Johnson, of Peru; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon Maderos of Modesto, Calif., and Theresa and Donald Molencupp of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Cindy Taylor of Peru; and a grandson, Levi Garrett Otis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 195 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Lillian Evans

AUBURN — Lillian M. Evans, 85, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 11:40 p.m. at the home of her son, John Evans, in Auburn.

Services will be at a later date. Arrangements are pending with the Stombaugh-Batton Funeral Home, Carey, Ohio.

Thelma Turner

STURGIS, Mich. — Thelma M. (Steffey) Turner, 95, of Sturgis died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis.

Mrs. Turner had been a secretary at Harvey Paper Co., an Avon representative and had worked at McClellan's Department Store in Sturgis when she was young.

She was a 1929 graduate of Brighton High School where she was an honor student, member of the basketball team for four years and played on the LaGrange County championship team.

Mrs. Turner loved to cook, garden, work in her yard and can foods.

She was a very active member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Sturgis.

She was born Aug. 9, 1911, in Brighton to Charles and Martha (Harris) Steffey. She married Myron Turner on Oct. 25, 1934, in Sturgis. He died Sept. 5, 1981.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Mary Francis Turner of Marquette, Mich., Brent and Arlene Turner of Windsor, Vt., and Brian and Jeri Turner of Sevierville, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Virgil, Charles and Mike Steffey; two sisters, Doris Miller and Arlene Reeder; and a grandson, Todd Turner.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Aldena Harris

LAOTTO — Aldena Ruby Harris, 89, of LaOtto died at 4:42 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Harris

Mrs. Harris was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived in her present home since 1970.

She graduated in 1935 from Wolf Lake High School and later from Warner Beauty College in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Harris had operated a beauty shop from her home for many years and was a staff investigator for the Indiana State Beauty Board. She was also a homemaker and a former 4-H leader.

She was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God.

She was born Nov. 16, 1917, in Wolf Lake to Dae and Hattie A. (Gay) Targgart. She married Everett O. Harris on Nov. 14, 1937. He died April 5, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rochelle and James Olds of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Carol Harris and Robert and Henrietta Harris, all of LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Donna Targgart of Churubusco; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Dae Targgart Jr. and Glen Targgart; and a granddaughter, Lynn Rose Harris.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Tim Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

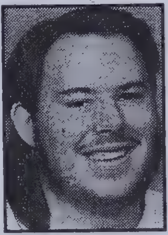
Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Sugar Grove Church of God.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Matthew Frees

SHIPSHEWANA — Matthew H. Frees, 33, of Shipshewana died Sunday, March 4, 2007, at his home.


Mr. Frees

Mr. Frees enjoyed searching for valuables in refuse, fixing lawn mowers and bicycles and spending time with his nephews and neighborhood children.

He was born Feb. 20, 1974, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Clark Sr. and Sandra K. Frees.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Clark Sr. and Gloria Frees of Grand Island, Neb.; his mother, Sandra Frees of Constantine, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Clark Jr. and Kelly Frees of White Pigeon, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Melisa and Michael Seagreaves of Florida and Alvita Frees of Three Rivers, Mich.; and two nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bible Baptist Church in Constantine, Mich., with Pastor Rudy D. Grantham officiating.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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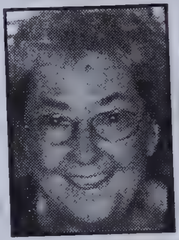
Janet Anderson

COLUMBIA CITY — Janet Louise Anderson, 65, of Columbia City died at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson worked for Jack Gwin Accountants, later known as Otto Behren's Accountants, as an accounting secretary for 30 years.

She was a lifetime Whitley County resident and had lived at her present home since 1970.

Mrs. Anderson graduated from Columbia City High School in 1959.

She was a member of the United Brethren Church, which later became the United Methodist Church.

She loved to spend time at the lake and camp at Pic-A-Spot Campground near North Webster.

She was born at Blue Lake in rural Churubusco on Sept. 7, 1941, to George Lewis and Nola Maxine (Herron) Jones. She married Donald Dale Anderson on Aug. 22, 1959, at the United Brethren Church on the courthouse square in Columbia City. He died Nov. 24, 1998.

Surviving are her mother, Nola Jones of Columbia City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Anderson of South Whitley and Roger and Roxanne Anderson of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Fred Gawthrop of Columbia City; three grandchildren, Craig Anderson, Nickolas Anderson and Heather Anderson; a great-grandson, Brayden Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her father on Aug. 17, 1983; and an aunt, Sarah Herron.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 8, 2007, Thursday

Margaret Hutchings

LIGONIER — Margaret B. Hutchings, 84, of Ligonier died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and lifelong resident of Ligonier.

Mrs. Hutchings was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, Good Samaritans and the Young at Heart Dancers.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, music and reading. She made hundreds of dolls and clowns for the church bazaar for many years.

Mrs. Hutchings was born June 9, 1922, in Columbia City to Herbert and Freda (Hursey) Keiser. She married Robert DeBolt on Aug. 2, 1938. He died in March 1953. She then married O. Leon Hutchings on Dec. 30, 1955. He died in October 1987.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Roger and Marna DeBolt of Ligonier, Ronald DeBolt of Sparks, Nev., Rickey and Bonnie DeBolt of Wawaka and Richard and Barbara DeBolt of Syracuse; three stepchildren; Shirley and Ronald Swartz of Ligonier, Estella and David Spradlin of Mason, Ohio, and Steven and Judy Hutchings of Urbana, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Betty Keiser; two sisters, Bethleen Downam and Arla Fenning; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 28 step-great-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hutchings

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Robert DeBolt and Kevin Hutchings; two brothers; and a sister.

Services were held Tuesday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Good Samaritans.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Michele Hahn

PERU — Michele S. Hahn, 57, of Peru died at 3:44 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Hahn had been employed at Square D Co. for 35 years.

She had lived in Peru since 1964.

Mrs. Hahn enjoyed archery and had won many archery awards. She also loved spending time with her grandson, other members of her family and friends.

She was born Dec. 19, 1949, in Bremerton, Wash., to James H. and Joan A. Phillips Taylor. Her father survives in Peru and her mother is deceased.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shelly Hahn and her companion, Scott Miller, of Peru; a son, Timothy Hahn and his companion, Melissa Johnson, of Peru; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon Maderos of Modesto, Calif., and Theresa and Donald Molencupp of Ligonier; a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Cindy Taylor of Peru; and a grandson. Levi Garrett Otis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Homem 195 W. Third St., Peru, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 9, 2007, Friday

Freida Leach

GARRETT — Freida E. Leach, 73, of Garrett died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 9:05 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Leach was a member of the Living Waters Baptist Church in Garrett, the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Red Hat Society. She was an Army veteran, serving with the W.A.C. division.

Mrs. Leach

She was born Feb. 8, 1934, in Albion to Dallas and Mary (Kessling) Leitch. They preceded her in death.

She married Melvin E. Leach on Nov. 12, 1954, in Fort Benning, Ga. He died in 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael E. and Rosemary Leach and Ernest W. and Kathy Leach, all of Garrett; a daughter, Cynthia L. Schroeder of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Willard Leitch of Shreveport, La., Ray Leitch of Danville, Iowa, Dick Leitch of Spencerville and Danny Leitch of Ocala, Fla.; and two sisters, Marcille Leatherman of Albion and Rosalie Johnson of Elkhart.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jimmy, Wilmer and Leo Leitch, and two sisters, Mary Leitch and Joann Houser.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 66, Garrett. The Rev. H. Dean Morris of Living Waters Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with graveside military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

To sign a guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Darrell Church

ANGOLA — Darrell L. Church, 59, of Angola died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at home.

He was the owner and operator of DLC Trucking Inc. He was a member of Defiance (Ohio) Eagles Lodge No. 372. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Church was born Dec. 27, 1947, in Frankfort, Ky., to Bliss and Margaret (York) Church. He married Patricia (Kiessling) Church on Aug. 26, 1967. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Bradley Church of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angela and Chris Bird and Crystal and Brad Church-Stavitzke, all of Angola; three brothers, Danny Paul Church of Albion, Randy Church of West Unity, Ohio, and Earnie David Church of Fremont; six sisters, Yvonne Payne of Kendallville, Bethal Dickens of Flatwood, Ky., Carrie Opal Ford of Ironton, Ohio, Alva Jean Rankin and Thelma Kay Church, both of Florida, and Veva Ann Edwards of Buffalo, Mo.; and one grandchild, Mackinzie Bird.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bliss Alfred, John Alvin and Arlie Kevin Church; and two sisters, Bernadine Church and Gail Boulware.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Military graveside services by member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

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Phyllis Hoard

BRONSON, Mich. — Phyllis J. Hoard, 62, of Bronson, Mich., died Thursday, March 8, 2007, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater, Mich., following a several-month illness.

She worked at Bronson Plating Co. in Bronson for 30 years, retiring in 2005. She was also a homemaker. She enjoyed her horses and animals and loved to garden and watch movies.

Mrs. Hoard was born Sept. 15, 1944, in LaGrange to Elmer and Dorothy (Hentzell) Woodworth. She married Dale Hoard on Sept. 5, 1969, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Esther Miller of Howe, Cindy Peery of Arizona and Jennifer McLain of Coldwater; three sons, A.J. Hoard of Mongo, Adam Gray of Goshen and David Miller of Shipshewana; five stepchildren, Beverly Hoard and Veronica Foster, both of Bronson, Ranah Harmon of Elkhart, Merle Hoard of Edwardsville, Mich., and Scott Hoard of Coldwater; a sister, Rachel Swanson of Warren, Mass.; four brothers, Larry Woodworth of Cleveland, Tenn., Max Woodworth and Tom Woodworth, both of Howe and Jerry Woodworth of Crossville, Tenn.; 27 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Stephanie Aldridge; and a brother, Jim Woodworth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Roger Strong of the Orland Church of the Nazarene officiating.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cancer Center at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

Ercell Beebe

FORT WAYNE —Ercell O. Beebe, 95, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 8, 2007, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was an elementary teacher with Butler and East Allen County schools for 36 years. She was an avid gardener.

Mrs. Beebe was born in Steuben County.

Surviving are a son, Jerry Beebe of Fremont; a daughter and son-in-law, Jewel and Donald Youso of Port Charlotte, Fla.; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Keith H. Beebe, in 1972; a daughter-in-law, Patricia; and a grandson, Randy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Georgetown Place, Fort Wayne, in the gathering room, with the Rev. Donald Youso officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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The following obituary is being republished to correct a reporter's error.

Robert Dailey

ANGOLA — Robert L. Dailey, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church and the Steuben County Farm Bureau. He enjoyed camping.

Mrs. Dailey was born in Steuben County to Ralph and Verda (Strawser) Dailey on Aug. 3, 1919. He married Iola M. Coney on March 8, 1949. She preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Eloise Dailey of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sally and Norman Light of LaGrange and Paula Ritchie of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Shannon Dailey, Robin Dailey, Kevin Light, Brian Light, Tina Ritchie and Curt and Chris Alleshouse; 11 great-grandchildren, Kody, Audrey, Hunter, Savanna, Renee, Luke, Molly, Chadd, Dylan, Charity and Amber; and two great-great-grandchildren, Aidan and Damean.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Ross and Howard Dailey; a sister, Helen Hodge; and two great-granddaughters, Amanda Childers and Janie Light.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Howard G. Compton officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Vance Boots, Gale Boots, Bob Augestine, Ron Morrison, LeRoy Kunce and Roger Canon.

Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Fire Department.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

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Lillian Evans

AUBURN — Lillian M. Evans, 85, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at her son's residence in Auburn.

Mrs. Evans

Mrs. Evans was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Carey, Ohio, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was active in Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and volunteer work most of her life. She owned and worked in beauty shops for 25 years.

She was born Sunday, Aug. 14, 1921, in Carey, Ohio, to the late John E. and Bernetta (Bakies) Reynolds.

She married Harold K. "Bamby" Evans Oct. 26, 1940. He died April 16, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Penelope and Kenny Niederkohr of Carey, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Jody Evans of Auburn; 13 grandchildren and their spouses, Kadish and Misty of Auburn; Mackenzie and Ron of Fort Wayne; Chris and Wanda, Tracy, Craig and Jackie, and Chad and Jayme, all of Carey, Ohio; Stacy of Auburn; Stephanie of Auburn; Chris and Angie, Kevin, Trevor and Penny, and Ashley, all of Carey, Ohio; and Chad and Jenny of Findlay, Ohio; a sister, Margueriete Myers of Bucyrus, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Mary Reynolds of Carey, Ohio; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Tommy D.; a brother, John "Les" Reynolds; and a sister, Vivian Tackett.

A graveside memorial service will be Thursday, March 22, at 11 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery in Carey, Ohio.

Contributions may be made to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

Helen Gilbert

AUBURN — Helen M. Gilbert, 94, of Auburn died Friday, March 9, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mrs. Gilbert worked as an inspector for King Seeley Corp. for 10 years and then was a secretary for RCA in Findlay, Ohio, for 16 years, retiring in 1972. She attended the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Sept. 24, 1912, in Butler to Clarence A. and Maggie (Slentz) Cook. They preceded her in death.

She married Ned B. Gilbert on Feb. 20, 1937, in East Chicago, Ill., and he survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Mary Jane Cook of Livonia, Mich.; two nieces and their spouses, Martha and Larry Berndt of Fremont, Mich., and Linda and Jim Brunetto of Michigan; and a nephew, Scott W. Cook Jr. of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Arlene Searfoss and Iris White.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

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Calvin Keister

WOLF LAKE — Calvin W. Keister, 89, of Wolf Lake died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Keister

A longtime resident of Noble County, Keister had lived on a farm near Pleasant Lake since 1943. He was a graduate of Wolf Lake High School.

He was born Nov. 23, 1917, in Merriam to Thurlow L. and Venis (Winebrenner) Keister.

He married Naomi Ruth Skeels and she survives. Since 1980, Keister and his wife spent their winters in Winter Haven, Fla., and did a lot of traveling.

In addition to general farming, Keister raised lots of flowers, had a big garden and loved to hunt and fish. He also worked at General Electric for 10 years and retired from Tokheim with 28 years of service.

He was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Albion and a former board member of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Penny Sue and Thomas Farrington of Sarasota, Fla.; three grandchildren, Angela Farrington, LeeAnn Groben and Scott Farrington; and two brothers, Arthur and Lester Keister, both of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Terry David Keister; and a sister, Naomi Gaff.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Berean Baptist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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March 11, 2007, Sunday

Teen killed in single car wreck

Driver, other passenger are hospitalized

BY SUE CARPENTER
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AUBURN — A Garrett teen died from injuries sustained in a single-vehicle crash south of Auburn early Saturday evening.

Alisha New, 17, was pronounced dead at the scene of an accident that happened just north of the intersection of C.R. 11A and C.R. 60, said DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis.

The driver of the 1993 Dodge, Ashli R. Schenkel, 17, Garrett, was transported by DeKalb EMS to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for head trauma.

Another passenger, Melissa S. Leverton, age unknown, Garrett, was airlifted to Lutheran with a possible broken leg.

Police at the scene said Schenkel was northbound on C.R. 11A, just north of C.R. 60 at about 5:40 p.m. Schenkel went off the right side of the road, overcorrected and then went off the left side of the road, striking a tree.

Emergency personnel used extrication tools to access the victims in the vehicle.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department is investigating the accident. It was assisted at the scene by LaOtto and Garrett firefighters, Auburn Police Department and the DeKalb EMS.

SUE CARPENTER

Emergency crews tend to victims involved in a wreck Saturday afternoon on C.R. 11A in DeKalb County. One girl, Alisha New, 17, Garrett, died in the wreck.

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Family, friends share memories of Donay

SHOW BOAT
'55'

FILE PHOTO BY ANDY BARRAND

Larry Donay, right, sits in a classic wooden boat at his Lake James home with his wife Nan and son Greg in June of 2003.

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BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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LAKE JAMES — Larry Donay was remembered by his family and friends as a man of few words — but they had no shortage of things to say about him.

"Larry was very proud of his family. I heard him talk of his sons many times to people and always with pride in his voice," Nicole Donay, the wife of one of Larry's five sons, Greg, wrote in a eulogy she read at her father-in-law's funeral Thursday. "He wasn't good at telling people how he felt about them, but I know how much he loved his family. I was always proud to say that I was Larry Donay's daughter-in-law. I will always feel blessed to have been a part of his life."

Lawrence "Larry" Donay died Monday after battling a rare, degenerative brain disease for seven years. He was 70.

Larry's wife Nan, whom he met in 1990 and married on Sept. 13, 1991, said the lake was a big part of her husband's life. The couple lived on Lake James, and Larry's hobbies included boating and deep sea fishing.

He was a member of the Classic Wooden Boat Society, and was instrumental in launching a wooden boat show in 2000 that is now held on Lake James every summer.

"He was so proud of his boat," Nan said. "He probably still is."

Nicole met Larry 18 years ago, when she was 17.

"Larry took me right in and treated me as part of his family," she said. "In all of the years that I have known Larry, I never heard him say a bad word about anybody. He wasn't one to gossip."

One of Larry's truest joys was being a grandfather. Greg and Nicole's first daughter, Macy, was the apple of her grandfather's eye.

"When I was pregnant for my first daughter Macy, Greg and I went to Florida to stay with Larry and Nan and they had a wonderful surprise waiting for us. They had named their boat 'Miss Macy,'" Nicole said. "From that moment on, (Larry) shared an incredible bond with his first Donay granddaughter. Macy made Larry's eyes light up when he saw her. I was blown away with the love he had for her."

Tragically, Macy became ill and passed away on Sept. 4, 2002. She was 15 months old.

"When we lost Macy, a big part of Larry's heart went with her," Nicole said.

Nan agreed.

"He adored that little girl," she said.

Larry and Nan took care of Nicole and Greg's middle daughter, Kaia, while Nicole worked on an internship for her master's degree.

"I will forever be grateful for that time he spent with her," Nicole said. "Even during some of his worst days, he always lit up when Kaia would come in to see him at the nursing home."

Greg and Nicole's third daughter, Sydney, was four months old when she passed away on Nov. 2, 2004.

"(Larry) didn't get much time with Sydney, but I do know how much he loved all three of my girls," Nicole said.

Nicole said one of the best things Larry brought into her life was Nan.

"Nan has been like another mother to me," she said.

Larry was president and part-owner of Alchem Aluminum in Coldwater, Mich., for many years. He retired in 2000. Several people who worked with Larry over the years wrote entries in his online remembrance registry at www.dutcherfh.com.

"I had the wonderful opportunity to meet Larry Donay in 1993 and became his secretary until his retirement in 2000," wrote Renate Sadger. "I loved working for Larry and will miss him very much."

Gary Morris worked for Larry at Alchem for 18 years, 16 of them as a production foreman.

"I got to know Larry quite well and enjoyed him as an employer and very nice man," he said. "I will always remember the Lake Erie Walleye fishing trips."

Heather Harvey began working at Alchem in 1997.

"I remember (Larry) as a very friendly, polite man, with a rather large heart," she said. "I respected him for his caring ways and the respect he had shown others. He was a wonderful man, and will be missed by all that were so fortunate to know him."

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Larry and Nan loved to entertain.

"I loved being a part of their parties," Nicole said. "I remember going to his house after Greg would get out of work and many times making him a cocktail. He liked to drink scotch on the rocks and I'll never forget the first time I poured him one and took a sip of it. I nearly gagged. I couldn't believe anybody could drink something that tasted that bad."

One year at a Ducks Unlimited auction, Larry bought Nicole a white English Pointer puppy.

"As soon as I held this puppy I knew he had to go home with me," Nicole said. "I asked Larry to buy him for me and he told me I didn't need a darn dog — not in such a nice way, either. Our very dear friend Shirley Bailey talked him into it and his hand went up when the bidding started and I went home with this puppy, which I had no clue what to do with. This dog was one of the best friends I've ever had and we had him for 11 years."

Nicole ended her eulogy for her father-in-law by saying he "enjoyed his life immensely" and "worked very hard all of his life." She said "the last few years of Larry's life were not as he would have wanted," and said it was hard to see him so ill.

"During his last few days alive we were all praying that God would take him and let the suffering stop," she said. "I have to believe he knows we were there with him."

Nicole said after Larry died, the thing that gave her peace was her belief that he was with the two granddaughters that had gone before him.

"The first thing I thought of after he passed was that he was with Macy and Sydney, and that gives me immense comfort," she said. "I believe in my heart that he was ready to be with them for a while now."

Dorothy Denton

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy "Dot" Denton, 80, of Kendallville, died at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville.

She was retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville, and lived at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center since October 2003. Prior to moving to Kendallville, she lived at Pretty Lake since 1959 when she moved there from Michigan.

She was very artistic and enjoyed ceramics, crafts and art, and loved animals.

On Feb. 24, 1927, in Dearborn, Mich., she was born to Fred and Florence Edna (Stokes) Bates. She married John Carl Denton on April 13, 1946, in Detroit, Mich. He preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 1987.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Steve Denton, Angola, and Chuck and Carol Denton, Uniondale, Ind., three grandchildren, Chris Denton, Kendallville, and Sara and Mike Denton, both of Uniondale; and three great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeremy Denton; two brothers; two sisters; and her parents.

There are no services and no calling.

Condolences mae be sent to the family online at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net
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Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Bernard Lynch

KENDALLVILLE — Bernard C. Lynch, 87, of Kendallville, died Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville, Kendallville.

He was retired from the Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New York as the office manager.

Mr. Lynch served in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne Division in the South Pacific in World War II. He was a member of and attended the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett, and had a great love of classical music and art.

In Brooklyn, N.Y., he was born to Joseph and Lillian (Nelson) Dunn on April 8, 1919. He married Susanne Burgess on July 31, 1943 in Brooklyn. She preceded him in death on March 7, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Holly and Frank Graskewitz, Kendallville; a granddaughter, Bethany Jantz, Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Brett Graskewitz, Muncie.

Memorial services will be at noon Sunday, March 25, at the DeKalb County Church of Christ in Garrett with Chad Brock officiating. Burial will be at a later date in New York.

There is no calling.

Memorials may be made to the DeKalb County Church of Christ.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Jane Peterson

HOWE — Jane G. Peterson, 94, of Howe, died at 12:38 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, in Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 12, 2007, Monday

Police investigating death in Kendallville

KENDALLVILLE — Kendallville police and the Noble County Coroner's Office are investigating a death Sunday at 665 Berry Lane in the Drake Terrace Apartment Complex.

"The cause of death was not clear at the scene," Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley said.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending positive identification. Police would only describe the person as being an adult male.

Police were called to the apartment at 5:14 p.m. to investigate what appeared to be a dead body.

An autopsy was scheduled for late this morning at the Fort Wayne Forensic Center to determine the cause and manner of death, according to Kendallville police Detective Lance Waters and Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff.

Among the loose ends investigators are checking is the location of the man's older model Cadillac. The car should have been parked at the residence, but police have been unable to locate the vehicle as of 10 a.m. today.

Police have identified the vehicle as a 1987 four-door brown Cadillac with license plate number 57C729. Anyone with information regarding this vehicle is asked to contact the Kendallville Police Department at 347-0654.

Police declined to release further information this morning.

Kendallville police are being assisted in their investigation by the Noble County Sheriff's Department and an Indiana State Police crime scene technician.

Alisha New

GARRETT — Alisha R. New, 17, of Garrett, died Saturday, March 10, 2007, at 5:40 p.m. in an automobile accident on C.R. 11-A in DeKalb County.

Miss New

Miss New was a junior at Garrett High School and a member of the Rhythm Connection Show Choir. She enjoyed playing softball, volleyball, soccer and basketball. She worked at Arby's in Auburn for eight months.

She was born Dec. 13, 1989, in Kendallville.

Surviving are her mother, Sharon R. New of Garrett; her father, Danny R. Rose of Emmalena, Ky; two brothers, Roger K. New of Garrett and Danny K. Rose of Emmalena, Ky.; and a sister, Angel Rose, of Emmalena, Ky.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Garrett, with Pastor David Mix officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign a guestbook or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jane Peterson

HOWE — Jane G. Peterson, 94, of Howe died at 12:38 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Peterson was a professional artist and had co-founded a ceramics business and an art gallery.

She enjoyed illustrating books and painting, and was interested in genealogy.

Mrs. Peterson had a master's degree from the Art Institute of Chicago and had given instruction in art, French and English.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Huguenot Society of Indiana and several other local clubs.

Mrs. Peterson was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe where she served as a deacon and was a member of the K.R. Williams Circle.

She was born Jan. 5, 1913, in Madison, Wis., to Edward M. and Esther M. (Lowry) Gilbert. She married William E. Peterson on Feb. 17, 1944, in Madison. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lucinda and Tom Johnson of Howe; two sons, Erik Peterson of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Kim Peterson of Manchester, Ga.; a brother, Edward "Ned" Gilbert of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother.

There will be no services at this time.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Donald Boggs

DOWAGIAC, Mich. — Donald Clarence Boggs, 88, of Dowagiac died Saturday, March 10, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Boggs had a degree in animal husbandry from Purdue University and was a dairy farmer. He had also been a truck driver for the Kirsch Co. in Sturgis.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II where he served in the Pacific Theatre. He received three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Boggs enjoy Western movies and especially liked Gene Autry. Following his retirement, he enjoyed deep sea fishing in Florida and became a Coast Guard-trained weather spotter.

He was born June 17, 1918, in Brunersburg, Ohio, to Franklin and Matilda (Wolfe) Boggs. He married Susanna Hostetler on March 17, 1950, in LaGrange County. She died in 1979. He then married Mae Bressler and she died in 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Anita Humbel of LaGrange and Brenda and Robert Moore of Dowagiac; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Orlin and Romayne Boggs of Howe and Burdette Boggs of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Idonna and Duane Mireley of Howe; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

He was also preceded in death by three granddaughters, Holly, Nicole and April Fryer; a great-granddaughter, Madison Renee Eva Owen; three sisters, Violet Boggs, Dorothy Ankney and Marvel Robbins; and a brother, Aaron Boggs.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garmon of LaGrange United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at South Wayne Cemetery in Dowagiac with full military honors.

Calling will be from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan or the Kyla Fryer Fund at Lake City Bank, 901 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761.

McLauchlin-Clark Funeral Home in Dowagic is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mclauchlin-clark.com.

Stanley Miller

ALMA, Mich. — Stanley James Miller, 81, of Alma, Mich., died Sunday, March 11, 2007, at his daughter's home in Angola.

Mr. Miller was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Ithaca, Mich.

Surviving are his wife, Eloise Miller; a son and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Susan Miller of Amherst, N.Y.; and a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Gary Peters of Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneral-home.com.

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MATT GETTS

A Kendallville police unit secures the scene where a Kendallville man's body was found at the Drake Terrace Apartments complex on the city's west side. Police are investigating the man's death as a homicide.

Man's death ruled homicide

BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — The death of a man whose body was found Sunday in his residence in a Kendallville apartment complex has been ruled a homicide by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

The victim, Patrick S. Biddle, 48, lived at 665 Berry Lane in the Drake Terrace Apartments complex on the city's west side.

Preliminary results of an autopsy performed Monday revealed Biddle died of trauma, according to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. According to Gaff, Biddle had been dead for days before the body's discovery.

Authorities declined to elaborate on what kind of trauma the man suffered.

Police are hoping the full results of the autopsy will reveal more about how Biddle died. It is not known when the full autopsy report will be

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available.

Kendallville police were called to the apartment at 5:14 p.m. to investigate what appeared to be a dead body. According to Kendallville Police Department Detective Lance Waters, a friend went to Biddle's residence after being unable to make contact with him and then notified police.

Police had been searching for Biddle's 1987 Cadillac but located the car on Monday in Rome City. The car has been impounded, and a search warrant has been issued for the vehicle.

Police were expected to search the vehicle this morning.

Kendallville police are being assisted in their investigation by the Noble County Sheriff's Department, the Noble County Coroner's Office and an Indiana State Police's crime scene technician.

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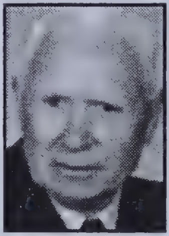
Ralph Skiles

AVILLA — Ralph C. Skiles, 90, of Avilla died at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.


Mr. Skiles

Mr. Skiles had been a lifetime area resident and ill for 2 1/2 months.

He had been a tool and die maker at General Electric for 40 years, retiring in 1979.

He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Mr. Skiles was also a member of the Senior Golf Association of Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Moose Lodge 3000.

He was born Jan. 10, 1917, in Whitley County to George and Ella (Liter) Skiles. He married Olive Bonjour on Dec. 24, 1935, in Columbus. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Barbara Skiles of Churubusco and Terry and Ginny Skiles of Avilla; five grandchildren and their spouses, Chad Skiles, Chet and Hilary Skiles, Beth and George Baser, Lisa and Scott Colberg and Karen Skiles; and three great-grandchildren, Ashleigh Skiles, Alyssa Skiles and Derrick Colberg.

He was preceded in death by five brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Ernest Robinson

GARRETT — Ernest M. Robinson, 83, of Paulding, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, died Monday, March 12, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Robinson

Mr. Robinson retired from Gildea Tool and Die in 1984. He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. He was member of the Garrett Eagles and American Legion.

He was born Oct. 15, 1923, in Walpole, Mass., to Benjamin A. and Lillian (Heselton) Robinson.

Surviving are a sister, Margery Timbrook of Fort Wayne; four nephews, Maynard Robinson of Georgia, Lynn Robinson of Garrett, Stanley Robinson of Anderson and Roger Timbrook of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Linda Engelmann of Fort Wayne, Susan Dangler of Cecil, Ohio, and Diane Farlee of Fort Wayne; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Francis, Joseph and Alfred Robinson, and a sister, Edith Robinson.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Charles F. Schmunk will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe, with military graveside services conducted by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ronald McDonald House or Riley Hospital for Children.

To send a condolence or sign a guestbook, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Cathern Bolinger

MILFORD — Cathern Bolinger, 88, of Milford died at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bolinger had moved to the Milford area from Ohio.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and working on jigsaw puzzles.

Mrs. Bolinger was a homemaker and a faithful servant of Jehovah.

She was born in May 1918 in Miami County to Roy and Sarrah Zinn. She married Edward M. Bolinger in September 1947. He died in 1963.

Surviving are three sisters, Dorothy Castle of Wabash, Mary Jane of California and Margaret of Noblesville.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Lou; a sister, Georgia Melhop; and a twin brother, Carrol Zinn.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Goshen Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Private graveside services will be held at a later date at Lancaster Cemetery near Huntington.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to the family in care of Brent McCullough.

Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg is in charge of arrangements.

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Dale Ackerman

HAMILTON — Dale J. Ackerman, 72, of Hamilton died Monday, March 12, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ackerman was a member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church and was employed at Auburn Gear in Auburn for 39 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Ackerman

He was born Nov. 24, 1934, in Waterloo to Carl and Hattie (Hofferman) Ackerman. He married Patricia Rosenberry on April 8, 1956, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gregory P. Ackerman of Hamilton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sheli and Greg Waltenberger of Hamilton and Tami and Jeff Conley of Angola; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Ruth Bishop, Ethel Kandel and Rosemary Peachey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Revs. Eric Stoops and Herschel Murray officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Hamilton United Methodist Church or Youth for Christ.

Arrangements are being handled by Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

Willadean Ketteman

FORT WAYNE — Willadean L. Ketteman, 72, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, March 11, 2007, at Hospice Home.

Mrs. Ketteman was retired from East Allen County Schools.

She was a native of Roanoke.

Her husband, Billy Ketteman, died in July 1989.

Mrs. Ketteman

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Richard Knight of Albion and Kandice and Roger Busche of Leo; and eight grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Calvin and Kevin.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today at Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Mark Woods officiating.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Covington Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Shetler

LAGRANGE — Mary S. Shetler, 81, of LaGrange died Monday, March 12, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Shetler was a homemaker and had moved to LaGrange from Berne in 1996.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 30, 1925, in Geneva to Sam and Amanda (Coblentz) Hilty. She married Levi Shetler Sr. in Geneva on Nov. 27, 1947. He survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Samuel and Amanda Shetler and Levi Jr. and Mandy Shetler, all of LaGrange, Jacob and Freida Shetler and Paul and Leah Shetler, all of Monroe, and Marcus and Martha Shetler of Hicksville, Ohio; five daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda and Paul Schwartz of Fremont, Mich., Lucinda and Levi Schwartz of Monroe, Amy and James Hilty and Annie and Marvin Schwartz, all of LaGrange, and Larene and Willis Graber of Geneva; five brothers, Dan Hilty and Joe Hilty, both of Geneva, Sam Hilty and Rubin Hilty, both of Seymour, and Melvin Hilty of Bryant; 89 grandchildren; and 86 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the James Hilty residence, 4225 E. C.R. 160S, LaGrange, with Bishop Danny Otto and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the James Hilty residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret Vaughn

SEBRING, Fla. — Margaret Louise (Griffith) Vaughn, 81, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Hamilton died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring as a result of complications following surgery.

Mrs. Vaughn was retired from Hamilton Community Schools where she had worked as a librarian in the elementary school. She loved children and books. She moved to Sebring from Hamilton in 1996 where she enjoyed warm weather, reading, sewing and new friends.

She was born July 20, 1925, in Hamilton to Walter and Rose (Bidwell) Griffith. She married Ronald Vaughn on June 21, 1945, and he preceded her in death in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Lori Vaughn of Fremont; a sister, Laurene Kunkle of Angola; a brother-in-law, Hal Vaughn of Fremont; nine nieces and 13 nephews and their families.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Cindy Vaughn; and a sister, Christine (Griffith) Williams.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

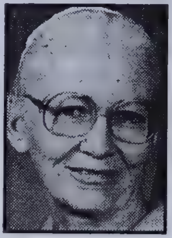
Memorials are to the Hamilton Elementary School library or the American Lung Association.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences can be left online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Verda Schrock

KALEVA, Mich. — Verda Marie Schrock, 81, of Kaleva died Sunday, March 11, 2007, at the home of a daughter in Sparta, Wis.



Mrs. Schrock

Mrs. Schrock was a member of Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Kaleva.

She was born April 14, 1925, in Elkhart County to John and Ida Mae (Culp) Smeltzer. She married LeRoy Schrock on June 25, 1998, in Seney, Mich. He survives in Kaleva.

Also surviving are five stepdaughters and their husbands, Ida Mae and Eugene Hershberger of Nappanee, Kathryn Yoder of Goshen, Sue and Vernon Miller of Kaleva, Marlene and Lewi Graber of Sparta, Wis., and Darlene and Chris Hershey of Birchwood, Wis.; three stepsons and their wives, Dan and Ruth Schrock of Hayward, Wis., Lee and Betty Schrock of Craig, Colo., and Greg Schrock of Sparta, Wis.; two sisters, Thelma Elion and Edith Hyche, both of Goshen; 42 stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Maxine Mullet, Primrose Smeltzer and Bernice Schrock; and two brothers, Lester Smeltzer and Kenneth Smeltzer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Pleasant Grove Conservative Mennonite Church, C.R. 38, Millersburg, with her stepsons, Dan and Lee Schrock, and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to services at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Stanley Miller

ALMA, Mich. — Stanley James Miller, 81, of Alma, Mich., died Sunday, March 11, 2007, at the home of his daughter in Angola.

Mr. Miller

He attended Ithaca and Alma public schools in Michigan before enlisting in the Marines in 1943. He received two Purple Hearts while serving in battles in Saipan and Tinian in World War II. Before graduating from Michigan State University with bachelor's and master's degrees in geology, he worked at International Harvester with his father and brother.

After a short time as a consulting geologist in Columbus, Ohio, he returned to Michigan and taught at Kingston and Fulton public schools before retiring from Alma Public Schools in 1983.

While living in Alma, he served as the president of the Alma Lions Club and the Alma Education Association. He was a member of The Peoples Church in East Lansing, Mich., where he was a former elder. He was also an affiliate member of the Alma Presbyterian Church.

He was a lifetime member of the University Club of MSU. He loved canoeing on the Manistee and Muskegon rivers in Michigan, where he took former students on canoe trips.

For three summers, he was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to attend the Foundation for Glacier Research at Juneau, Alaska, and Atlin, British Columbia.

Mr. Miller was born Oct. 9, 1925, in Ithaca, Mich., to Henry and Mildred (Walter) Miller. He married Eloise Wiser on June 24, 1950. She survives.

Also surviving are two children and their spouses, Kirk and Suzy Miller of Amherst, N.Y., and Lisa and Gary Peters of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, John B. and Janet Miller of Argyle, Texas; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jaime and Jason Windau of Manhattan, N.Y., Kristopher Miller of Buffalo, N.Y., Ashley Ulery of Fort Wayne and Brandy and Brandon DePriest of Indiana; a great-granddaughter, Mia DePriest of Indiana; a stepgreat-grandson, Gavyn DePriest of Indiana; and man nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard King Miller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, Alma, with the Rev. Dwight W. Hillstrom officiating. A second service will be at a later date at The Peoples Church.

Local arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Homicide probe moving forward

Police believe death a 'single individual incident'

BY MATT GETTS
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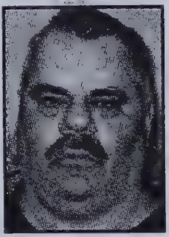
KENDALLVILLE — A normal level of vigilance.

That's the recommendation of Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley in the wake of a homicide that occurred recently in the city.

Police are continuing to investigate the death of Patrick S. Biddle, 48, who lived at 665 Berry Lane in the Drake Terrace Apartments complex on the city's west side. Biddle's body was discovered by a friend on Sunday.


Biddle

His death was ruled a homicide by Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff.

Preliminary results of an autopsy performed Monday revealed Biddle died of trauma, Gaff said. According to Gaff, Biddle had been dead for days before the body's discovery.

Authorities declined to elaborate on what kind of trauma the man suffered.

Wiley said citizens should take normal precautions to protect themselves and their property.

"We have no reason to believe this is anything other than just a single individual incident that occurred," Wiley said. "I think Kendallville's a safe place to be."

Meanwhile, the lead investigator into Biddle's death said Tuesday evening the case is "moving forward."

Kendallville Police Department Detective Lance Waters declined to give specifics regarding what kind of progress had been made in the case.

Biddle's Cadillac was discovered in Rome City Monday. Waters said police are considering it as a stolen vehicle.

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The Cadillac has been impounded by police, and on Tuesday a search warrant was executed on the vehicle, with crime scene technicians from the Indiana State Police conducting the search.

Waters declined to comment on what evidence, if any, had been recovered from the vehicle.

Kendallville police were called to the apartment at 5:14 p.m. to investigate what appeared to be a dead body. According to Waters, a friend went to Biddle's residence after being unable to make contact with him and then notified police.

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Mary Targgart

WOLF LAKE — Mary Targgart, 84, died Monday, March 12, 2007, at The Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler, following an extended illness.

Mrs. Targgart was a resident of Wolf Lake before entering a nursing home in Kendallville, then moving to Butler in 2004.

She volunteered at many Wolf Lake community activities, and at one time she and her husband were grand marshals of Onion Days in Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Targgart was a graduate of Kendallville High School with the class of 1940, and was an accomplished art instructor in painting. She was active in the Christ Child Festival and loved all sports.

She was born Aug. 15, 1922, in Kendallville to George and Alice (Owens) Ananias. She married Dae Targgart in 1944 in El Paso, Texas. He died April 17, 1999.

Surviving are two brothers, Basil "Bill" Ananias of Spokane, Wash., and John Ananias of Albion; her stepmother, Sophia Ananias of Kendallville; three half sisters, Helen Bowersock of Kendallville, Angela Benschneider of Fort Wayne and Alexandria Kales of Elgin, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Rawles and Connie Bowden.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home at Churubusco. Pastor Dan Carlson will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Raymond Ross Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond J. Ross Jr., 71, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Ross retired from CMW Transportation of Kendallville in 1992 after more than 20 years of service. He had also driven a truck for Eshelman Excavating for four years.

He was a United States Army veteran.

Mr. Ross was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed fishing, the outdoors and spending time with his family.

He was born July 30, 1935, in Wolcottville to Raymond James Sr. and Fannie Kathryn (Fry) Ross. He married Twyla Rose Louderback on Aug. 18, 1979, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Karl and Angie Koegler and Scott and Christine Koegler, all of Kendallville, Don and Tricia Koegler of LaPorte, and Brian and Tish Koegler of Smithville, Tenn.; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Richard Ludlow of Schneider, Ind.; 11 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Marge Schmenk in June 2003.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Ross residence, 11050 S.R. 3 North, with Evangelist Brian Koegler officiating.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 4-7 p.m. at the Ross residence.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Public Library or the American Lung Association.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangement.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to the funeral home.*

Jane Peterson

HOWE — Jane G. Peterson, 94, of Howe died at 12:38 a.m. Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Peterson was a professional artist and had co-founded a ceramics business and an art gallery.

She enjoyed illustrating books and painting, and was interested in genealogy.

Mrs. Peterson had a master's degree from the Art Institute of Chicago and had given instruction in art, French and English.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Huguenot Society of Indiana and several other local clubs.

Mrs. Peterson was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe where she served as a deacon and was a member of the K.R. Williams Circle.

She was born Jan. 5, 1913, in Madison, Wis., to Edward M. and Esther M. (Lowry) Gilbert. She married William E. Peterson on Feb. 17, 1944, in Madison. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lucinda and Ted Johnson of Howe; two sons, Erik Peterson of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Kim Peterson of Manchester, Ga.; a brother, Edward "Ned" Gilbert of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Tom.

There will be no services at this time.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Death of Kendallville man ruled a homicide

KENDALLVILLE — Noble County Coroner Terry Gaff, M.D., has ruled the death of a Kendallville man found in his apartment Sunday a homicide. Investigation into circumstances surrounding the incident continue, according to Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse.

Patrick S. Biddle, 48, of the 600 block of Berry Lane, Kendallville, Indiana was found deceased in his apartment by Kendallville Police officers on Sunday, March 11, 2007. According to Dr. Gaff, Biddle's death was the result of trauma. No other details since the investigation is ongoing.

Biddle's body was transported to the Phillip E. O'Shaughnessy Forensic Center at the St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Sunday night. An autopsy was performed Monday, March 12, 2007, in an effort to determine the cause of death. Official results of the autopsy have not been released at this time.

A car owned by Biddle was missing from its normal parking place. Police have now located the vehicle - a 1987 four-door brown Cadillac with license place number 57C729 in Rome City. The exact location has not been disclosed at this time. The vehicle has been taken to an undisclosed storage area.

The Kendallville Police Department is heading up the investigation into Biddle's death with assistance from the Indiana State Police, Noble County Sheriff's Department, Noble County Coroner's Office, and the Noble County Prosecutor's Office.

Anyone with information concerning Biddle's death is encouraged to call the Kendallville Police Department at (260) 347-0654.

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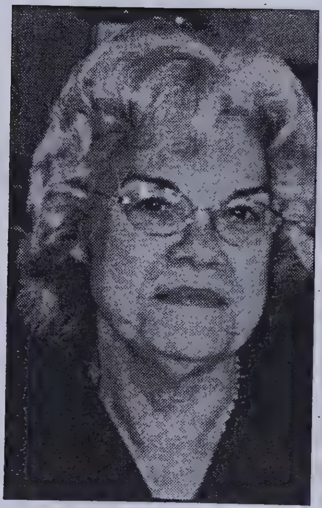

Dorothy Conley, 71

LAOTTO - Dorothy Conley, age 71, of LaOtto, died on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at her residence

She was born in Garrett, Kentucky on January 29, 1936 to Crit and Maggie (Bradley) Handshoe.

She married Bennie Conley on December 15, 1951 in Fremont, Indiana and he preceded her in death on October 16, 1998.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting, sewing, reading, nature and wildlife. She attended Grace Christian Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include: two sons, Jerry and Clidia Conley and Jeff and Latesa Conley both of Kendallville; three daughters, Mary and Daryl Mitchell, Barbara Bowman both of LaOtto, and Elizabeth and Nick Weber of Avilla; 11 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; three sisters, Glenna and G.C. Johnson of LaOtto, Antha and John Bailey of Auburn, Delphi Miller of Brimfield; one brother, Garman Handshoe of Fort Wayne

She was preceded in death by parents, three sisters, Ruth Bailey, Julie Conley, and Edith Cook, and three brothers, Pard, Arnold, and Garnel Handshoe

Funeral services were Friday, March 9, 2007 at Hite Funeral Home.

Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Shelter

Casketbearers were Nate Mitchell, Jason Weber, Justin Weber, Jared Conley, Chad Conley, Lonnie Conley and Gary Long.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Aldena Harris, 89

LAOTTO — Aldena Ruby Harris, 89, of LaOtto died at 4:42 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Harris was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived in her present home since 1970.

She graduated in 1935 from Wolf Lake High School and later from Warner Beauty College in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Harris had operated a beauty shop from her home for many years and was a staff investigator for the Indiana State Beauty Board. She was also a homemaker and a former 4-H leader.

She was a member of Sugar Grove Church of God.

She was born Nov. 16, 1917, in Wolf Lake to Dae and Hattie A. (Gay) Targgart. She married Everett O. Harris on Nov. 14, 1937. He died April 5, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rochelle and James Olds of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Carol Harris and Robert and Henrietta Harris, all of LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Donna Targgart of Churubusco; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Dae Targgart Jr. and Glen Targgart; and a granddaughter, Lynn Rose Harris.

Services were held March 9, 2007 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. The Pastor Tim Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiated. Burial took place at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to Sugar Grove Church of God.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Calvin W. Keister, 89

WOLF LAKE - Calvin W. Keister, 89, a lifelong resident of Noble County, died at 3:15 p.m., Thursday, March 8, 2007 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Monday, February 19th.

He was born November 23, 1917 in Merriam, a son of Thurlow L. and Venis (Winebrenner) Keister. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On December 3, 1939 he was united in marriage to Naomi Ruth Skeels. Since 1943 they have made their home on a farm near Pleasant Lake. Since 1980 they have spent their winters in Winter Haven, Florida and have travelled extensively.

In addition to general farming, he raised lots of flowers and a big garden and loved to hunt and fish. He worked at General Electric for 10 years and retired from Tokheim with 28 years of service.

He was a member of Berean Baptist Church in Albion and was a former board member for Noble County Farm Bureau.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 67 years, Ruth; a daughter, Penny Sue (Thomas) Ferrington of Sarasota, Florida; three grandchildren, Angela Farrington, LeeAnn Groben and Scott Farrington; and two brothers, Arthur Keister and Lester Keister, both of Albion.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Terry David Keister and a sister, Naomi Gaff.

Services were held Monday, March 12, 2007 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Doug Keenan, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Berean Baptist Church or American Cancer Society.

Margaret Hutchings, 84

LIGONIER — Margaret B. Hutchings, 84, of Ligonier died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was a homemaker and lifelong resident of Ligonier.

Mrs. Hutchings was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, Good Samaritans and the Young at Heart Dancers.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, music and reading. She made hundreds of dolls and clowns for the church bazaar for many years.

Mrs. Hutchings was born June 9, 1922, in Columbia City to Herbert and Freda (Hursey) Keiser. She married Robert DeBolt on Aug. 2, 1938. He died in March 1953. She then married O. Leon Hutchings on Dec. 30, 1955. He died in October 1987.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Roger and Marna DeBolt of Ligonier, Ronald DeBolt of Sparks, Nev., Rickey and Bonnie DeBolt of Wawaka and Richard and Barbara DeBolt of Syracuse; three stepchildren; Shirley and Ronald Swartz of Ligonier, Estella and David Spradlin of Mason, Ohio, and Steven and Judy Hutchings of Urbana, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Betty Keiser; two sisters, Bethleen Downam and Arla Fenning; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; 28 stepgreat-grandchildren; and eight step-great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Robert DeBolt and Kevin Hutchings; two brothers; and a sister.

Services were held Tuesday at Ligonier United Methodist Church, 466 Townline Road, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Good Samaritans.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 14, 2007, Wednesday

Freida Leach, 73

GARRETT — Freida E. Leach, 73, of Garrett died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 9:05 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Leach was a member of the Living Waters Baptist Church in Garrett, the Garrett post of the American Legion and the Red Hat Society. She was an Army veteran, serving with the W.A.C. division.

She was born Feb. 8, 1934, in Albion to Dallas and Mary (Kessling) Leitch. They preceded her in death.

She married Melvin E. Leach on Nov. 12, 1954, in Fort Benning, Ga. He died in 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael E. and Rosemary Leach and Ernest W. and Kathy Leach, all of Garrett; a daughter, Cynthia L. Schroeder of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; four brothers, Willard Leitch of Shreveport, La., Ray Leitch of Danville, Iowa, Dick Leitch of Spencerville and Danny Leitch of Ocala, Fla.; and two sisters, Marcille Leatherman of Albion and Rosalie Johnson of Elkhart.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Jimmy, Wilmer and Leo Leitch, and two sisters, Mary Leitch and Joann Houser.

Services were held March 10, 2007 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 66, Garrett. The Rev. H. Dean Morris of Living Waters Baptist Church officiated. Burial took place at Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with graveside military services by the Garrett posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

To sign a guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 15, 2007, Thursday

Wawaka man avoids manslaughter charge

Eminger pleads to recklessness with vehicle

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Wawaka man accused of recklessness that allegedly caused a fatal crash in 2003 was sentenced for criminal recklessness with a vehicle Wednesday, but a manslaughter charge against him was dropped.

Tyson Eminger, 26, pleaded guilty Wednesday to criminal recklessness with a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced by Noble Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch to nine months in jail for the offense.

Eminger had been charged with involuntary manslaughter, a Class D felony, at the beginning of the day Wednesday. A jury was being selected for a two-day trial in the case.

The charge stemmed from a Nov. 7, 2003, accident at the intersection of East North Street and Allen Chapel Road in Kendallville in which the Ford Taurus Eminger drove struck a Noble Transit Service van.

Willard G. Vorbau, 92, of Kendallville, a passenger in the van, was taken to Parkview Noble Hospital, then transported to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he died, according to police reports.

Noble County deputy prosecutor Everett Newman said his argument in the trial would have been that Eminger's reckless actions led to the crash and the death.

"Our argument would have been that he was going too fast for the road conditions," Newman said. In addition, Eminger had cleared only a small part of his windshield and ran a red light. Case law says any two factors qualify as recklessness, the deputy prosecutor said.

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But defense attorney Kurt Grimm filed a motion Wednesday asking that the state not be allowed to present evidence regarding the cause of death because the state had no witnesses on its list who were competent to testify as to the cause, Kirsch said.

Because the state didn't have a witness who could prove the causal relationship between the accident and the death, there would have been insufficient evidence to support an involuntary manslaughter guilty verdict if the case proceeded to trial, Kirsch said.

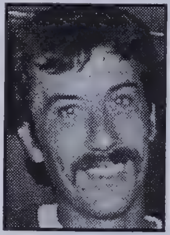
According to Indiana case law, a death certificate only establishes that a person is dead, Kirsch said. "The death certificate cannot prove cause of death." That would require a witness or evidence such as an autopsy, he said.

After the ruling, the state and Eminger reached an agreement for him to plead guilty to the lesser included charge of criminal recklessness with a vehicle, Kirsch said.

Eminger may serve his sentence on work release if he qualifies, Kirsch ruled. Eminger must pay a $1,000 fine and court costs. His driving privileges were suspended for one year.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 15, 2007, Thursday

Terry Horan


Mr. Horan

LIGONIER — Terry L. Horan, 49, of Ligonier died at 8:20 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Horan had moved to the area in 1975 from Anderson.

He was a carpenter with the South Bend Carpenters' Union Local 413 and worked for Corporate Construction.

Mr. Horan attended Sparta United Church of Christ.

He was born April 28, 1957, in Anderson to William and Sarah "Sally" (Williams) Horan. He married Stephanie Hire on Feb. 20, 1976. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Regan and Andrew Knox of Cromwell and Tara Horn, at home; a son, Christopher Horan of Austin, Texas; his mother, Sally Horan of North Webster; a grandson, Gage William Knox; and two brothers, Robert Horan of Fort Wayne and Patrick Horan of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Horan.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Pastor Brad Cox officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or the Cromwell EMS.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Judy Schimpf

BUTLER — Judy E. Schimpf, 63, of Butler died Monday, March 12, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Schimpf was employed at Knisely Bank in Butler for more than 31 years, serving as a computer operator in the bookkeeping department.

She was a member of the Butler Eagles and the Butler Church of Christ and was the current president of the Butler American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

She was born Dec. 15, 1943, in Butler to Richard and Helen (Phiester) Roan. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, William "Bill" Schimpf, died Jan. 11, 1999.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Noah and Bridget Schimpf of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Jolene and Tim Kaiser of Butler; two grandchildren, Dereck and Dominic; a brother, Richard Roan of Winston-Salem, N.C.; and two stepsons, David Schimpf of Lake Worth, Fla., and William Schimpf of Waterloo.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Todd Steere officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler American Legion Scholarship Fund.

To leave condolences and view a video tribute, visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

H. Ralph Batesole

Mr. Batesole

WOLCOTTVILLE — H. Ralph Batesole, 79, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. Batesole earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry from the University of Minnesota where he met his wife of 54 years, Betsey Whittemore. Upon graduation, Mr. Batesole went to work for Hormel where he remained for 35 years before retiring in 1987.

He was an active member of the South Milford Church of Christ where he served as deacon for a number of years. Mr. Batesole's passion was golf and he played regularly, often beating far younger players than himself.

Mr. Batesole had served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea.

He was born March 28, 1927, in Pingree, N.D., to Harold O. and Helen M. Batesole.

Surviving are his wife, Betsey Batesole; a daughter, Karen Hendrickson of Panama City Beach, Fla.; two sons, Gary R. Batesole of Indianapolis and Lee W. Batesole of Fort Wayne; a sister, Leotta Schweiger of Prescott, Ariz.; three brothers, Virgil Batesole of Alexandria, Minn.; Garrel Batesole of Minden, Nev., and Zarryl Batesole of Seal Beach, Calif.; and three grandsons.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at South Milford Church of Christ, 8030 E. C.R. 600S, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. A reception will follow.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 15, 2007, Thursday

Lt. Col. Richard Morgan

Mr. Morgan

KNIGHTSTOWN — Lt. Col. Richard E. Morgan, 84, of Knightstown died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Hancock Regional Hospital following an extended illness.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, he retired in 1982. While serving in the Air Force, he flew AC-119 gun ships in Vietnam and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Combat Readiness Medal.

Mr. Morgan also retired from Charles A. Beard School Corp. as maintenance and transportation supervisor.

He had been a member of Center Christian Church since 1938, American Legion Post 152 of Knightstown, and the VFW.

Mr. Morgan enjoyed restoring antique tractors which he entered in shows, and also enjoyed attending reunions with fellow military retirees.

He was born April 17, 1922, in Rush County to John M. and Mary Elizabeth (Roberts) Morgan. He married Frances Ellis on June 30, 1944. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Marcia and Dr. Ronald Denton of LaGrange, Lisa M. Morgan of Knoxville, Tenn., and Lori and Greg Morrison of Indianapolis; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Harry Holloway of Richmond and Mary Kay and Dana DeHaven of Lynn; eight grandchildren, Lindy Cummings and her husband, Lance, and Lauren Denton, Libby Denton and Leigh Denton all of Fort Wayne, Larissa Denton and Lesly Denton of LaGrange, and Jacob Morrison and Jared Morrison of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Shirley Morgan of Lewisville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Harry Holloway of Richmond and Mary Kay and Dana DeHaven of Lynn; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John Wallace Morgan and Hugh E. Morgan.

Services were Monday at Center Christian Church in Mays with Pastor Bill Worrell officiating. Burial was at Center Cemetery with military services by the Wright Patterson Air Force Base honor guard.

Memorials are to the Center Christian Church Building Fund or the charity of donor's choice.

Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may sent online to www.hinsey-brown.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 15, 2007, Thursday

Patrick Biddle

KENDALLVILLE — Patrick Scott Biddle, 48, of Kendallville died at his residence.

Mr. Biddle had worked with his uncle, Dick Hulen, at Hulen's Landscaping in Kendallville and also worked at Newnam Foundry for many years.

He loved to cook and had been employed as a chef in various restaurants.

Mr. Biddle enjoyed hunting and fishing and being outdoors.

He was born in Kendallville on July 11, 1958, to John E. and Retta Ann (Hulen) Biddle. They survive in Adrian, Ga.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jessica Biddle of Harlan; a son, Patrick Scott Biddle Jr. of Waterloo; a sister and brother-in-law, Cathy and Steve Diehl of Gainesville, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Marie Biddle of Melbourne, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Aubrey Hensley of Harlan.

There will be no services.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Teegardin

LANCASTER, Pa. — Mary K. Teegardin, 87, of Lancaster, Pa., died Monday, March 12, 2007.

She retired after 38 years as a missionary with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF), serving the majority of her career as director of nurses at Saiburi Christian Hospital in southern Thailand.

She enjoyed nature and was active in OMF Prayer Ministry.

Ms. Teegardin was born in Hamilton to Shirley Roscoe and Nellie Clare (Morley) Teegardin.

Surviving are a sister, Ruth Easterday of Grand Haven, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Preston, Aubrey and Orville Teegardin, and a sister, Helen Mahrt.

Services will be Friday in Lancaster.

Memorials are to OMF International, 10 W. Dry Creek Circle, Littleton, CO 80120-4413.

Arrangements are being handled by Young Funeral Home Inc., Lancaster.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 15, 2007, Thursday

Driver sentenced for fatal wreck

ALBION — A Wawaka man accused of recklessness that allegedly caused a fatal crash was sentenced for reckless driving Wednesday, but a manslaughter charge against him was dropped.

Tyson Eminger, 26, of Wawaka pleaded guilty Wednesday to criminal recklessness with a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced by Noble Superior Court I Judge Robert Kirsch to nine months in jail for the offense.

Eminger had been charged with involuntary manslaughter, a Class D felony, at the beginning of the day Wednesday. A jury was being selected for a two-day trial in the case.

The charge stemmed from a Nov. 7, 2003, accident at the intersection of East North Street and Allen Chapel Road in Kendallville in which the Ford Taurus Eminger drove struck a Noble Transit Service van.

Willard G. Vorbau, 92, of Kendallville, a passenger in the van, was taken to Parkview Noble Hospital, then transported to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he died, according to police reports.

Noble County deputy prosecutor Everett Newman said his argument in the trial would have been that Eminger's reckless actions led to the crash and the death.

"Our argument would have been that he was going too fast for the road conditions," Newman said. In addition, Eminger had cleared only a small part of his windshield and ran a red light. Case law says any two are recklessness, the deputy prosecutor said.

But defense attorney Kurt Grimm filed a motion Wednesday asking that the involuntary manslaughter charge be thrown out because the prosecution had no case for that charge.

The state is required to list its witnesses, and its list didn't include any witnesses able to establish Vorbau's cause of death, Kirsch said. Without being able to connect the death to the accident, the state couldn't prove an involuntary manslaughter case.

According to Indiana case law, a death certificate only establishes that a person is dead, Kirsch said. "The death certificate cannot prove cause of death." That would require a witness or evidence such as an autopsy, he said.

After the ruling, the state and Eminger reached an agreement for him to plead guilty to the lesser included charge of criminal recklessness with a vehicle, Kirsch said.

Eminger may serve his sentence on work release if he qualifies, Kirsch ruled. Eminger must pay a $1,000 fine and court costs. His driving privileges were suspended for one year.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 16, 2007, Friday

Daniel McCoy

MONROEVILLE — Daniel H. McCoy, 78, of Monroeville died Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 3:50 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana.

Mr. McCoy retired Jan. 1, 1990, from Freuhauf Drive-A-Way as a mechanic. He also worked for the State Detective Agency assigned to Do It Best and has worked at Giradot's Standard for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Department, I.V.F.A. Association and Local 414 Teamsters of Indiana.

He was born June 22, 1928, in Monroeville to James F. McCoy and Velma L. (Fuelling). They preceded him in death.

He married Jennie L. Carr on June 21, 1947, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Earl Johnson of Decatur; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce D. and Kathy McCoy of Auburn; a sister, Norma Witte of Antwerp, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Peggy McCoy of Monroeville; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy J. McCoy, in 1990 and a grandson, David Johnson.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville. Burial will be in Monroeville Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Monroeville Fire Department.

Condolences may be left at www.zwickjahn.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct the date of services.*

H. Ralph Batesole

Mr. Batesole

WOLCOTTVILLE — H. Ralph Batesole, 79, of Wolcottville died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. Batesole earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry from the University of Minnesota where he met his wife of 54 years, Betsey Whittemore. Upon graduation, Mr. Batesole went to work for Hormel where he remained for 35 years before retiring in 1987.

He was an active member of the South Milford Church of Christ where he served as deacon for a number of years. Mr. Batesole's passion was golf and he played regularly, often beating far younger players than himself.

Mr. Batesole had served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea.

He was born March 28, 1927, in Pingree, N.D., to Harold O. and Helen M. Batesole.

Surviving are his wife, Betsey Batesole; a daughter, Karen Hendrickson of Panama City Beach, Fla.; two sons, Gary R. Batesole of Indianapolis and Lee W. Batesole of Fort Wayne; a sister, Leotta Schweiger of Prescott, Ariz.; three brothers, Virgil Batesole of Alexandria, Minn.; Garrel Batesole of Minden, Nev., and Zarryl Batesole of Seal Beach, Calif.; and three grandsons.

Memorial services will be Sunday, March 25, at 1:30 p.m. at South Milford Church of Christ, 8030 E. C.R. 600S, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. A reception will follow.

Memorials are to South Milford Church of Christ.

Ernest Lauber

ANDERSON — Ernest Ray Lauber, 84, died Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in Anderson.

Mr. Lauber was a member of Lions and was very active in the organization around the state.

Services were Saturday at Robert D. Loose Funeral Home, 200 West 53rd St., Anderson.

Vivian Winebrenner

MERRIAM — Vivian Winebrenner, 91, of Merriam died at 2:30 a.m. today, Friday, March 16, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Among her survivors are a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and J. Edwin Reidenbach of Topeka.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2007, Saturday

Howard McDaniel

AUBURN — Howard W. McDaniel, 81, of Auburn died Friday, March 16, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, with his wife and family at his side.

Mr. McDaniel

Mr. McDaniel was an insurance manager for Farm Bureau in Auburn for 33 years, retiring in 1990.

He was in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps for 11 years, serving in World War II and Korea.

A Ball State University graduate, he earned his degree in speech and hearing. He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Auburn Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Auburn American Legion Post 97 and the Hoosier Warbirds.

He enjoyed the outdoors and loved gardening, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and spending time with his family.

He was born Nov. 10, 1925, in Garrett to Bert and Audry (Allomong) McDaniel. They preceded him in death.

He married Donna Bassett in Auburn on Oct. 27, 1949, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Natalie McDaniel of Auburn and Shawn and Cary McDaniel of Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherrie and Ted Lash of Auburn and Susan and Brent Bacon of Ashley; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Cleta Grandstaff and Isabell Romy; two brothers, Emery McDaniel and Dwight McDaniel; and a grandson, Beau Bacon.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 97.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church, the Hoosier Air Museum or the DeKalb Athletic Department.

Harry Moeller

FORT WAYNE — Harry Moeller, 85, of Fort Wayne died Friday morning, March 16, 2007, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Hicksville, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Dorothy Webb

WOLCOTTVILLE — Dorothy M. Webb, 83, of Wolcottville died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She served as the Farmer and Springfield Township trustee from 1978-1995 and was a former director of the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

She was a member of the Plato Methodist Church, Eagles Lodge in Kendallville, LaGrange American Legion Auxiliary and the LaGrange County Farm Bureau.

She married Hubert S. "Tex" Dillard on June 20, 1950, in Danville, Texas. He died April 19, 1971. She married Walter L. "Butch" Webb on June 17, 1972, in Auburn. He survives.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1933, in LaGrange to Charles A. and Isabelle (Stasell) Kohn. Both are deceased.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a stepson, Kyle D. Dillard of Lufkin, Texas; two sisters, Esther Tjarks of LaGrange and Cora A. Smolinski of Kendallville; two stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Rita K. Kohn; a brother, George C. Kohn; a nephew, Richard Tjarks; and a niece, Susanne Pheiffer.

Services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Revs. Russell Hepler and Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling is Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneral-home.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2007, Saturday

Dorothy Parham

HOWE — Dorothy J. Parham, 83, of Howe died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at the Life Care Center of LaGrange.

She worked for the Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich, Motor Wheel Corp. in LaGrange and Cain Lumber in Orland and Ontario, Ind. She was a member of the LaGrange First Church of God.

She married Ralph H. Parham in Sturgis, Mich., on Feb. 26, 1954. He survives in Howe.

She was born on Nov. 21, 1923 in Ottawa, Ohio, to George and Bertha (Deken) Hawk. Both are deceased.

In addition to her husband, other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Craig and Pat Parham of LaGrange; three grandchildren, Tim Parham of Carmel, and Jeff Parham and Melinda West, both of LaGrange; nine great grandchildren; and two sisters, Carol Spade of LaGrange and Betty Wing of Englewood, Fla.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her parents and six sisters, Pauline Noland, Elsie Reinhart, Juanita Voelm, Mildred Parr, Helen Stutton and Mary Alice Hawk.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at the LaGrange First Church of God with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial is in Oaklawn Cemetery in Sturgis, Mich.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Main St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange First Church of God or TCT Ministries.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.frurip-mayfuneralhome.com.

Ilo Clarke

ETNA GREEN — Ilo C. Clarke, 94, of Etna Green died Friday, March 16, 2007, at 3:15 a.m. in the Mason Health Care Facility of Warsaw.

She was a retired beautician and also worked alongside her husband in his photography business. She was a member of the Etna Green Church of Christ and knitted in her spare time. She was a graduate of Etna Green High School.

She married Garvice O. Clarke on May 29, 1938. He died April 9, 2000.

She was born Feb. 11, 1913, to Charles Thomas and Lucinda K. (Vining) Yazel. She was a resident of the Angola area for most of her life. She and her husband moved to Etna Green in 1995.

Survivors include a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Nancy and Robert Hammon of San Marcus, Texas; and a sister-in-law, Mabel Yazel Baney of Florida.

Besides her husband, she was preceded death by a sister, Gayle Baker, and two brothers, Blaine and Clyde Yazel.

A celebration of life service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, with the Rev. Dennis Bollenbacher officiating. Burial is in Etna Green Cemetery in Etna Green.

Calling is Tuesday at the funeral home from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorials are to the Etna Green Church of Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2007, Saturday

Vivian Winebrenner

MERRIAM — Vivian B. Winebrenner, 97, of Merriam died Friday, March 16, 2007, at 2:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had been a patient since November.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel Church. In her leisure time she enjoyed gardening, fishing, mushroom hunting, and especially her family.

She was born on April 2, 1909, in Payne, Ohio, to Walter and Opal (Klinger) Moog. She spent her early years in Ohio until moving to Columbia City as a teenager with her parents.

She married John Raymond Winebrenner on Nov. 26,1927, and lived all of her married life in Noble Township. Her husband died on Feb. 3, 1981.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Jay E. Reidenbach of Topeka; four grandchildren and their spouses, Maureen Reidenbach and John and Pat Reidenbach, all of Fort Wayne, Anne Reidenbach of Wolcottville, and David and Myrna Reidenbach of Wawaka; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Doris Moog of Columbia City; eight great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse she was preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Ernst, and two brothers, John Moog and Bob Moog.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with the Rev. Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will follow.

Calling is Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The cortege will depart the mortuary for the cemetery at 2:15 p.m.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel Church or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Charlene Cramer

KENDALLVILLE — Charlene Sue Cramer, 54, of Kendallville died Friday, March 16, 2007, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Mrs. Cramer

She was employed as a waitress and factory worker and attended the New Hope Clubhouse in Kendallville. She also volunteered at Parkview LaGrange Hospital and the Northeastern Center and was a member of the St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

She graduated from Woodlan High School in Woodburn in 1970 and attended Glenn Oaks Community College for two years.

She was born on July 15, 1952, in Kendallville to Kenneth Ray and Viola Marcella (Weimer) McLain. Her father died in 1992 and her mother died in 2000.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Damon and Betsy Cramer of Boerne,Texas; two grandchildren, Kenasaw and Emily Cramer of Boerne, Texas; a sister, Margo McLain of Stroh; nieces Karoline McLain, Kim Culler and Lisa Morris and her husband, Eric, of LaGrange; a great-niece and great-nephews, Brandi, Jeffrey and Jacob Morris; and a close friend, Patti Hiler.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded death by a brother, Kevin Nelson, in 1982.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Fr. Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial is in Prince of Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Steuben County, near Hudson.

Calling also will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Real character was man of character

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WATERLOO — When you mention Bobby L. "BL" Albright to most people, including members of his own family, the words "a character" usually spring into the conversation. "Mischievous," will follow.

Though her father was a decorated war hero who loved his country, Joni Albright said her father would have been pleased that the pastor managed to sneak an anti-(Iraq)war comment into Bob Albright's eulogy at his funeral on Feb. 23.

Bob Albright was 81 when he died Feb. 20 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn. Always deeply involved with his family, his neighborhood, his community, his country and the world at large, Albright left quite a legacy.

A World War II Army veteran, he received a Bronze Star for Heroic Achievement for helping save the lives of his comrades during the invasion of Leyte in the Philippine Islands. When their boat was shelled and began to sink, Bob Albright took off his life jacket and placed it on an injured man, while helping two others to safety.

He was also the recipient of the Victory Medal, a Purple Heart for wounds received in action and an Air Medal for action that saved lives when a U.S. tank was blown up and the soldiers inside were injured.

Besides the Philippines, Albright also served in New Guinea and on the Japanese mainland.

A diehard I.U. fan

When Albright returned to the U.S., he was not yet 21. After fighting and nearly dying for his country, he could not legally go into a bar and drink a beer. That was always a great source of entertainment to him, his wife of 58 years, Vereda, remembers with a laugh.

Albright married Vereda Boman on June 5, 1948, and they moved to Bloomington, where he earned a business degree from Indiana University.

"It was all G.I.s where we lived, and what fun we had," Vereda said.

From Bloomington, the Albrights settled down in Waterloo, where they would raise their five children — Joni, Ellen, Brian, Lee and Adam. Bob Albright got season tickets to I.U. football and basketball in 1968 and almost every weekend for 25 years found the couple — and later, their children — in Bloomington.

"We never got to retire and go live in Florida like everyone else, because we attended I.U. games every weekend," Vereda Albright said.

Three of their five children attended college. All three attended I.U.

At Bob Albright's funeral, the chosen music was the I.U. fight song.

Vereda's relatives, from Ohio, all wore Ohio State T-shirts to the funeral dinner, "knowing that Bob was looking down and having a good laugh," she said.

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Mr. Albright

Bob Albright was politically astute and a proud Democrat according to his eldest daughter, Joni Albright, who has worked for three Democratic governors' administrations in Indianapolis.

"Dad had strong opinions and values, but was non-judgmental," Joni Albright said. Her father often joked about being a Democrat in heavily Republican DeKalb County, she said.

"I raised my kids to be I.U. fans, Cubs fans and Democrats," Joni Albright quotes her father as often saying. "It's a wonder they have any self-esteem at all," Bob Albright would joke.

Living life to the fullest

Albright was born to Howard "Doc" and Jessie Lower Albright in DeKalb County on May 28, 1925, graduating from Waterloo High School in 1943.

There was no place he would rather raise his family than in the community he had grown to love.

With his father-in-law, he formed Boman and Albright, a fuel oil distributorship. The family business expanded into Hoosier Propane, L&L Leasing, Domex Inc., DeKalb Oil and Sulpher Springs Agra. He retired at age 59.

He was always low-key and did not like to be the center of attention. But he became well-known to everyone on his oil delivery routes and was especially popular with the kids, who knew "Mr. Albright" always carried candy to hand out to every child he met. Many adults would prepare coffee and invite him into their homes when he arrived to deliver their oil.

Library clerks knew Bob Albright well. He considered libraries to be a source of an inexpensive higher education.

"He would bring home bags of books at a time and pore through them and take all of us kids to the library and help us pick out books," Joni Albright remembers.

Linda Dunn, 15-year director of the Waterloo Public Library, where Albright served on the board for two decades, said he was a wonderful person whom everyone enjoyed being around.

"He was a true library advocate," Dunn said. "I was very cautious when we first heard of the Internet. But Bob, who spoke his mind and was very much in touch with the future, urged us to move forward" and get the computers and Internet service.

"And he was just a lot of fun," Dunn added.

"He taught his children how to be politically aware liberal Democrats, patriotic, respectful of the environment, how to fish and vote, and the location of good restaurants," Joni Albright wrote in her father's obituary. He took the family on a 10-day camping trip every year, often in Michigan.

All five of the Albright children grew up and chose careers in communications.

"He was a poster child of the World War II generation."

Vereda Albright
Describing the late Bob Albright

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Community activist

Although he was a quiet community volunteer, Bob Albright's actions spoke loudly. He served as a volunteer firefighter, Pony League coach, Boy Scout leader and member of the Lions Club, the Masonic Temple, Knights of Pythias, Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars and DeKalb Disabled Veterans. He was president of the Waterloo Cemetery Board. He served on the DeKalb County Election Board and as president of the Waterloo Grant Township Library Board and was the social concerns chair of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He helped build and maintain the Waterloo Little League field and association, where generations of children have participated in sports.

Bob and Vereda Albright ran a household that just naturally attracted others.

"We always had a house full of kids, ours and everyone else's," Vereda Albright said. "Bob loved that. He enjoyed coming home to a full house."

When he knew someone could use a hand, he quietly figured out a way to help them, usually anonymously, Vereda Albright said. He wanted no recognition for his deeds, which included driving veterans afflicted with cancer to area hospitals in Columbus, Ohio, and Marion for treatment.

"We always felt very blessed," said Vereda Albright. "We were successful and Bob wanted to help others who were having a hard time. He was a poster child of the World War II generation."

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Charlene Cramer

Mrs. Cramer

KENDALLVILLE — Charlene Sue Cramer, 54, of Kendallville, died Friday, March 16, 2007 at Northridge Village in Albion.

She graduated from Woodlan High School in Woodburn in 1970 and attended Glen Oaks Community College for two years. She was employed as a waitress and factory worker and attended the New Hope Clubhouse in Kendallville. She also volunteered at LaGrange Hospital and the Northeastern Center and was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

She was born in Kendallville on July 15, 1952, to Kenneth Ray and Viola Marcelle (Weimer) McLain. Her father preceded her death in 1992 and her mother died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Damon and Betsy Cramer of Boerne, Texas; two grandchildren, Kenasaw and Emily Cramer of Boerne, Texas; a sister, Margo McLain of Stroh; nieces Karoline McLain, Kim Culler and Lisa Morris and her husband, Eric, of LaGrange; a great-niece and great-nephews, Brandi, Jeffrey and Jacob Morris; and a close friend, Patti Hiler.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Nelson in 1982.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial will be in Prince of Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Steuben County, near Hudson.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and one hour before the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Gehring

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — John Harold Gehring, 63, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, March 16, 2007 at St. Petersburg.

Mr. Gehring graduated from Kendallville High School in 1961. He was a Green Beret in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He was born in Adrian, Mich., on Dec. 30, 1943, to Robert Claude and Gretta Mae (Lehner) Gehring

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon Anderson of Kendallville and Roberta and Jack Frederick of Kendallville; his nieces and nephews, Cindy Probst of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth Grant of South Milford, Michael and Tammy Probst of Kendallville, Becky Probst of Kendallville, Kim and Kirk Sabrosky of Fort Wayne, Paula Sprunger of Topeka, and Arthur Frederick of Fort Wayne; and 10 great nieces and nephews

Services will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Kareen Glaze-Gerdau

FORT WAYNE — Kareen H. Glaze-Gerdau, 74, of Fort Wayne died Friday, March 16, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was retired from the Farmers Home Administration, where she was a loan officer.

She was born Jan. 29, 1933, in Coldwater, Mich., to Herman and Helen (Wood) Ott.

Surviving are her husband, Walter E. Gerdau; four sons and three daughters-in-law, David R. and Julie Lochner and Michael L. Lochner, all of Auburn, Capt. Randall A. and Geri Lochner of Edgerton, Wis., and Jeffrey D. and Donna Lochner of Fort Wayne; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jack Glaze, who died in 2001, and a brother, Lyle Ott.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Calling will be two hours before services begin Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Harry Moeller

FORT WAYNE — Pastor Harry Moeller, 85, died Friday morning, March 16, 2007, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Hicksville, Ohio.

He attended Swatek Ridge grade school and two years of high school in Eastman, Wis., and enlisted in the Navy at the age of 18. He served in World War II on the USS Patoka and USS Wharton. After six years in the Navy, he returned to Eastman, where he farmed and was a wood cutter.

He attended revival meetings at the Eastman E.U.B. Church and turned his life over to the Lord. He later completed his GED and studied for the ministry at Miltonvale Wesleyan College in Miltonvale, Kan., where he met his wife, Edna. While living in Wisconsin, he and his wife served as a foster family for five mentally retarded children for eight years.

He was student pastor in Kansas, pastor for Hoyne Avenue Wesleyan Methodist Church in Chicago for eight years, and pioneered a new church in his hometown of Eastman, Wis., in 1959, where he served for 12 years. During that time, the congregation grew to 200 members and a new brick church was built, along with a five-bedroom parsonage.

He served three years at Mishawaka Wesleyan Church in Mishawaka, and three years at Bryant Wesleyan Church in Bryant.

Following retirement from ministry, he worked as a counselor for a work release program at the Fort Wayne YMCA with prisoners transitioning back into the community. He also retired from the Fort Wayne Veterans Administration Hospital in 1987. He served as a custodian at Trinity Nazarene Church for several years, manually mowing five acres of grass when he was in his late 70s.

Mr. Moeller was born July 13, 1921, in Crawford County, Wis., to August and Anna (Zlabek) Moeller.

He married Edna Anne Winterberg on Aug. 21, 1948, in the Rockford, Ill., Methodist Church. She survives in Hicksville, Ohio.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and John Tuttle of Batesville, Esther and George Vorndran of Fort Wayne, Martha and Carl Kreighbaum of Spring Hill, Tenn., and Lois and Gene Stauffer of Spencerville; 11 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and three sisters, Marie Hill of Madison, Wis., Helen Foley of Dodgeville, Wis., and Gladys Rienks of Edwardsburg, Mich..

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Willard and Raymond Moeller; a sister, Betty Ann Moeller; and a grandson, Nathan Tuttle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with Pastor Rex Person officiating. Burial will be in Concordia Gardens Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday and from 9-10 a.m. Monday at Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Memorials are to missionary friends of the family, Joe and Pat Laraker, c/o West Indies Self Help Benevolence Fund, P.O. Box 365, Grand Haven, MI 49417-0365.

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Kimberly Hartman

CORUNNA — Kimberly D. (Lockwood) Hartman, 39, of Corunna died Saturday, March 17, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Hartman

Mrs. Hartman was a first-grade teacher and literacy coordinator during a 16-year career at North Side Elementary School in Kendallville. She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1985, from Butler University in 1989 and from Purdue University in 2001. She earned a master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2004. She was a member of the East Noble Educators Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. She belonged to the Helmer United Methodist Church. She loved her family and friends and enjoyed scrapbooking.

She was born March 30, 1967, in Auburn to Larry and Jan Lockwood. They survive in Auburn.

Also surviving are her husband, Greg S. Hartman of Corunna; two daughters, Bailey C. Hartman and Allyson N. Hartman, and a son, Andrew S. Hartman, all of Corunna; a sister and brother-in-law, Bill and Lisa Clifford of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Doug and Angie Lockwood of Auburn and Greg and Niki Lockwood of Kokomo; her paternal grandfather, Bernard Lockwood of Garrett; and her maternal grandmother, Evelyn Walter of Auburn.

Services wil be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to scholarships for her children.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Driver in fatal crash identified

WAWAKA — The victim in Saturday's one-car fatal crash on U.S. 6 near Wawaka has been identified as a 52-year-old Kendallville man.

According to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff, the victim was Willie Belcher.

According to the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Belcher's 2002 Dodge Dakota was traveling westbound on U.S. 6 and for an unknown reason left the roadway and struck a tree head-on. The vehicle caught fire, and due to the heat and flames, witnesses and emergency personnel were not able to rescue the driver.

The crash occurred at 2558 W. U.S. 6.

Assisting the Noble County Sheriff's Department at the scene were the Indiana State Police, Ligonier police, Noble County EMS, Noble County Coroner's Office, and the Albion and Orange Township fire departments.

For a complete obituary on Mr. Belcher, see Page A4.

Muriel Mountfield

ANGOLA — Muriel Edith Mountfield, 95, of Angola died Friday, March 16, 2007, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Mountfield was a homemaker and a member of North Scott Christian Church. She loved to knit and enjoyed reading.

She was born June 29, 1911, in Salford, Manchester, England, to Samuel W. and Edith (Jackson) Washington. She was raised in England and came to Angola in 1972.

She married John Mountfield in 1943. He preceded her in death on May 3, 1967.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ian and Darlene Mountfield of Angola; a sister, Olga Nolan of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, David, Danielle and Jeanie; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Mountfield, in 1947, and a granddaughter, Angela Mountfield, in 1992.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola. Pastor Jim Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shrine Children's Hospitals.

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Jack Rennwald

WATERLOO — Jack L. Rennwald, 66, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rennwald

Mr. Rennwald worked at Quality Kitchen and Ball Brass & Aluminum Foundry, both in Auburn. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose 556 in Auburn. He loved watching basketball and fishing.

He was born Jan. 9, 1941, in Kendallville. His parents, Karl Rennwald and Thelma (Kline) Whetsel, preceded him in death.

He married Sharon G. Yarian on Aug. 1, 1964, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie and Raymond Love of Hudson and Teresa and Thomas Hire of Corunna; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Daisy Rennwald of Beaufort, N.C.; 10 grandchildren, Joshua and Rose Love, Ashley Love, Ty Bienz, Brock Bienz, Jacqueline Bienz, Stefany Bienz, Ericka Bienz, Kayla Hire, Zachary Hire and Cassidy Hire.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Rennwald Bienz.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Wanda Sexton

AUBURN — Wanda R. Sexton, 83, of Auburn died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Sexton was a homemaker. She was a member of the Millstone Missionary Baptist Church in Millstone, Ky., and the Freewill Baptist Church in Waterloo.

She was born Nov. 25, 1983, in Knott County, Ky., to Taylor and Madae (Huff) Watson.

She married Denver Sexton on Aug. 24, 1942, in Slone Fork in Knott County, Ky., He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia Anne Sanders of Conyers, Ga., Phyllis Joan Sexton of Lexington, Ky., and Wilma Jean Campbell of Auburn; three sons, Marlin Sexton of Parsons, W.Va., Gary Sexton of Ermine, Ky., and Anthony Sexton of South Milford; 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, two sons, Lyle Dean Sexton and Carl Edwards Sexton, a daughter, Brenda Faye Sexton, three sistes, Gladys Slone, Juanita Jacobs and Aggie Watson, and one brother, Eddie Watson.

Services will Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St, Waterloo. Ron Stambaugh will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home.

Additional services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Letcher Funeral Home in Whitesburg, Ky. Bill Craft will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at Letcher Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Green Acres Cemetery at Ermine, Ky.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

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Alice Wolf

KENDALLVILLE — Alice Irene Wolf, 80, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Wolf

Mrs. Wolf was a homemaker.

She loved to crochet, tend to her flowers and go shopping with her friends. She was an avid collector of cups and saucers and enjoyed fishing. She enjoyed the holidays with her family, especially at Christmas.

Mrs. Wolf was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 2749 where she had held various offices, including president.

Mrs. Wolf was born in Hamilton on Jan. 25, 1927, to Donald Robert and Ruth Elizabeth (Harger) Gerst. She married Russell J. Wolf on Aug. 5, 1945, in Wolcottville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Nancy Wolf of Kendallville and Jody Leighty of Kendallville; a daughter and her companion, Julee Ann Garrison and Rick Temple of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Joyce Gerst of Kendallville; four grandsons, David Wolf, Troy Wolf, Kurt Wolf and Ryan Garrison, all of Kendallville; and three nieces, Robin Chalifoux of Spencer, Mass., and Debra Yahne and Jennifer Fritz, both of Kendallville; and a nephew, Tim Gerst of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a stillborn baby, Janice Kay Wolf.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Martin Rynders

FORT WAYNE — Martin Rynders, 91, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 17, 2007, at Heritage Park Nursing Home.

Mr. Rynders retired in 1977 after 29 years of service as a car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He loved harmonizing with a barber shop quartet, golfing and quilting. He was a member of the Society for the Preservation and Enjoyment of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

He was born Sept. 8, 1915, in Chicago.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert M. and Pam Rynders of Fort Wayne and William R. Moore of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha I. and Christian Nordlin of Fort Wayne and Sally M. and Craig Thompson of Hudson; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one brother and three sisters.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lyda J., in 1961; his second wife, Lucile M., in 1997; and a daughter, Betty McCormick, in 2004.

Services will be Tuesday at noon in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America.

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Chester Coburn

WOLCOTTVILLE — Chester Coburn, 81, of Wolcottville died at 1 a.m. Sunday, March 18, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Coburn

Mr. Coburn had moved to the Wolcottville and Stroh area from Kentucky in 1952.

He retired in 1988 from Kendallville Foundry after 25 years. He had worked in the coal mines while living in Kentucky.

Mr. Coburn was a member of Community Baptist Church.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born March 26, 1925, in Garrett, Ky., to Andy and Eliza (Conley) Coburn. He married Osie Chaffins on Dec. 24, 1952, in Garrett, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and John Irelan of Kendallville and Melanie and Tim Reed of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim Coburn of Howe and John and Irene Coburn of West Virginia; a granddaughter he and his wife raised, Jill Cockerill and her husband, Aaron, of Wolcottville; a sister, Martha Sells of Kendallville; a brother, Clester Coburn of Corunna; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Leburn Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Aaron Cockerill, Jason VanHoozer, Rodney Tuttle, Patrick Tuttle, Cline Conley and Elmo Coburn.

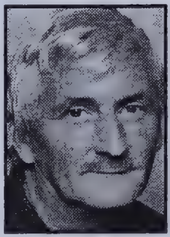
Calling will be after 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church with a service at 7 p.m.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Willie Belcher

KENDALLVILLE — Willie George Belcher, 52, of Kendallville died in a single-car accident on Saturday, March 17, 2007, on U.S. 6 near Wawaka.


Mr. Belcher

He was born in Earling, W.Va., on Dec. 16, 1954, to Omer F. and Thelma L. (Browning) Belcher. He married Deanna Kay Gibson on Aug. 3, 1974, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzette and Eric Stitt of Waterloo and Joyce and Jamie Hall of Kendallville; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Sonny Belcher of Corunna, Jack Belcher of Waterloo and Robert and Brenda Belcher of West Virginia; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Andy Messer of West Virginia, Lena and Kern Collins of Kendallville, Beatrice and Ben Hurd of Wabash and Barbara and Eddie McDonald of Kendallville; a brother-in-law and his wife, Tolbert and Mary Gibson of Kendallville; a sister-in-law and her husband, Barbara and Homer Ferrell of Kendallville; a half sister and her husband, Mary and Alex Karst of Kendallville; and six grandchildren, Michael and Tyler McClelland of Waterloo, McKenzie Ritter of Waterloo and Shawn, Ethan and Nathan Hall of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by parents and a brother, Bunny Belcher.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the True Church of God In Jesus' Name in Lisbon with the Rev. Sonny Stanley officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling after 2 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with changes.*

Charlene Cramer

KENDALLVILLE — Charlene Sue Cramer, 54, of Kendallville, died Friday, March 16, 2007, at Northridge Village in Albion.

Ms. Cramer

She graduated from Woodlan High School in Woodburn in 1970 and attended Glen Oaks Community College for two years. She was employed as a waitress and factory worker and attended the New Hope Clubhouse in Kendallville. She also volunteered at LaGrange Hospital and the Northeastern Center and was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

She was born in Kendallville on July 15, 1952, to Kenneth Ray and Viola Marcelle (Weimer) McLain. Her father preceded her death in 1992 and her mother died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Damon and Betsy Cramer of Boerne, Texas; two grandchildren, Kenasaw and Emily Cramer of Boerne, Texas; a sister, Margo McLain of Stroh; nieces Karoline McLain, Kim Culler and Lisa Morris and her husband, Eric, of LaGrange; a great-niece and great-nephews, Brandi, Jeffrey and Jacob Morris; and a close friend, Patti Hiler.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Nelson, in 1982.

Mass of Christian Burial was today at 10 a.m. at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial was in Prince of Peace Lutheran Cemetery in Steuben County, near Hudson.

Memorials are to St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lee German

ANGOLA — Lee Roy German, 92, of Angola died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

He was a farmer. He enjoyed playing cards.

Mr. German was born Oct. 14, 1914, in Angola to Milo Forth and Mary Etta (Shultz) German. He was married to Geneva Craun on Feb. 29, 1937. She preceded him in death on March 27, 1991.

Surviving are a son, Larry German of Angola; a daughter, Linda Kolar of Elkton, Ore.; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Daisy McCain; and four brothers, Jessy, Weir, Paul and Murl German.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery, Jackson Township, Steuben County.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

H. Dean Luke

ASHLEY — H. Dean "Dean the Drycleaner" Luke, 77, of Ashley and Sarasota, Fla., died Monday, March 19, 2007, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota.

Mr. Luke worked for Star Drycleaners in Kendallville for many years, then worked for Pent Products for 15 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1954-5(in Germany.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed woodworking and loved the time he spent in Florida.

He was born April 29, 1929, in Richland Township of DeKalb County to Harold and Audra (Gurtner) Luke. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Kendallville.

He married Isabelle Miller on July 12, 1975, in Rome City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cozy and Jerry Watschke of Hackensack, Minn.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ann and Rick Crummett of Waterloo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Kathryn Luke of Fort Wayne and George and Barbara Luke of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Hock Buckley of Quincy, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Joseph Williams, and a brother, Martin Luke.

Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

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Bonnie Woody

ALBION — Bonnie Sue Woody, 55, of rural Albion died Monday, March 19, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Woody

Mrs. Woody graduated from East Noble High School in 1979.

She will be remembered as a wonderful mother and friend to all. She enjoying spending time with her grandchildren, singing, crocheting, sewing, computers, flower gardening, photo albums and scrapbooking.

Mrs. Woody was born in Burwind, W.Va., on Nov. 30, 1951, to Louis Edward Sr. and Betty Mae Saunders (Kirby) Wade. She married Kenneth Ray Woody on Oct. 9, 1968, in Brimfield. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kimberly Renee Johnson of Wewoka, Okla., and Michelle Dawn Woody and Sumer Starr Woody, both of New Orleans, La.; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Meechelle Woody of Albion; a brother, Larry Wade of Brimfield; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Brenda and Frank Swank of Logan, Ohio, Mary Jane and William Tritt of Westerville, Ohio, Barbara Benton and Ginger and Michael Snook, all of Goshen, and Evelyn Krotzer and Duane Smith of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Patricia Wade of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren, Skylla Hurt, Dustin Hurt, Brittany Williams, Michael Woody, Allena Armitage, Eric Dean, Kenneth A. Woody, Matthan Cantrell and Desiree Woody.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Kenneth Ray Woody Jr. in 1970; brothers, Louis Jr., Ronald, Donald and Allen Wade; and a sister, Betty Sheets.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY is *being republished to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Chester Coburn

WOLCOTTVILLE — Chester Coburn, 81, of Wolcottville died at 1 a.m. Sunday, March 18, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Coburn

Mr. Coburn had moved to the Wolcottville and Stroh area from Kentucky in 1952.

He retired in 1988 from Kendallville Foundry after 25 years. He had worked in the coal mines while living in Kentucky.

Mr. Coburn was a member of Community Baptist Church.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

He was born March 26, 1925, in Garrett, Ky., to Andy and Eliza (Conley) Coburn. He married Osie Chaffins on Dec. 24, 1952, in Garrett, Ky. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa and John Irelan of Kendallville and Melanie and Tim Reed of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim Coburn of Howe and John and Irene Coburn of West Virginia; a granddaughter he and his wife raised, Jill Cockerill and her husband, Aaron, of Wolcottville; a sister, Martha Sells of Kendallville; a brother, Clester Coburn of Corunna; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, two sisters, and a granddaughter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Leburn Combs officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Aaron Cockerill, Jason VanHoozer, Rodney Tuttle, Patrick Tuttle, Cline Conley and Elmo Coburn.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the church with a service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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James Miller

MIDDLEBURY — James C. Miller, 71, of Middlebury died at 12:40 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Miller had been a reporter for 20 years with the Goshen News, Elkhart Truth and South Bend Tribune where he was also the business editor.

Mr. Miller

He has served as vice president in charge of human resources at Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. in Indianapolis, retiring from there after 20 years.

Mr. Miller was a 1953 graduate of Topeka High School and 1977 graduate of the IU School of Business.

He was an active lay minister in the United Methodist Church and a member of Scott United Methodist Church.

He was born July 9, 1935, in Topeka to Freeman and Rachel (Yoder) Miller. He married Shirley Helman on Sept. 7, 1957, in New Paris. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Douglas Miller of Goshen; a daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Charles Coffelt of Kentucky; two brothers and a sister-in-law, David and Dawn Miller of Goshen and Don Miller of Topeka; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Charles Watkins of Goshen; and a grandson, Eric Nihart of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son, Stephen.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Scott United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy J. Richmond of Scott United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in New Paris Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorials are to Scott United Methodist Church or Gideon International.

Doris Yoder

TOPEKA — Doris R. Yoder died shortly after birth today, Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Surviving with her parents, Ray and Ada Sue (Miller) Yoder of Topeka, are four sisters, Mary Edna, Sarah Jean, Doretta Kay and Amy Rose Yoder, all at home; grandparents, Glen and Elizabeth Yoder of Topeka and Marvin Ray and Katie Miller of Shipshewana; and great-grandparents, Susie Miller and Wilma Miller, both of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Katie Elizabeth Yoder and Wanda Sue Yoder.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the family residence with Bishop Samuel Beachy of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Honeyville Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be all day Wednesday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 21, 2007, Wednesday

Tom O'Donnell

NAPA, Calif. — Former Juneau, Alaska, resident Tom Anthony O'Donnell, 80, of Napa died Thursday, March 8, 2007, in Napa.

Mr. O'Donnell graduated in 1953 from Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. His career in the field of personnel led from Maricopa County, Ariz., to Santa Clara County, Calif., to Juneau, where he was employed by the State of Alaska.

He served in the U.S. Navy in both World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. O'Donnell was a sports enthusiast, jazz aficionado and was greatly admired by family and friends for his jovial Irish wit. He always spoke fondly of the 20 years he spent in Alaska.

He was born Jan. 15, 1927, to Thomas and Celia O'Donnell in Des Plaines, Ill.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Mary Alice (Green) O'Donnell of St. Helena, Calif.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Beth O'Donnell and her husband, Allen Graves, of Cliff, N.M., and Shannon (O'Donnell) Difilippo of Napa, Calif.; a son, Tim O'Donnell of Juneau; a stepson, Craig Munk and his wife, Karen, of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Britta Elle Difilippo, McKenna Difilippo and Aren (Munk) Howell; a grandson, Wyatt Graves; two sisters, Patricia Walsh and Dorothy O'Donnell of Des Plaines; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mary Jane Mountain and Catherine Schwass.

A private family memorial will be held in New Mexico at a later date and a memorial will be held at the Catholic church in Des Plaines.

Memorials are to the New Mexico Chapter for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, 3411 Candaleria NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87107.

Daniel Beechy

LAGRANGE — Daniel Beechy, infant son of Floyd and Elnora (Hochstetler) Beechy of LaGrange, died at 7:40 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2007, in South Bend Memorial Hospital.

He was born March 11, 2007, in Topeka.

Surviving with his parents are two sisters, Elsie and Ida Sue Beechy, both at home; and grandparents, Daniel and Edna Beechy and Eli and Elmina Hochstetler.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Beechy residence with Wilbur Bontrager and Ferman Miller officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery.

Calling will be all day today at the Beechy residence.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Kendall Roth

INDIANAPOLIS — Kendall Ann Roth, 35, of Indianapolis died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Roth

She was a graduate of Angola High School and Ball State University in Muncie, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and its MOM's Group and the Riviera Club. She was a board member of Meridian Street United Methodist Church Preschool.

Mrs. Roth was born Oct. 27, 1971, in Schaumburg, Ill., to Ken and Debbie (Duerkop) Hansen. She was married to David A. Roth, and he survives.

Also surviving are three children, Thomas, Margaret and Clara; her parents in Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Jamie and Amy Hansen; a sister and brother-in-law, Krissy and Paul Lagemann; grandmothers Grace Hansen and Alice Duerkop; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Harold Hansen and John Duerkop.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Calling will be today from 3 to 7 p.m. at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Indianapolis.

Memorials are requested in lieu of flowers to the Roth Children Education Fund, in care of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

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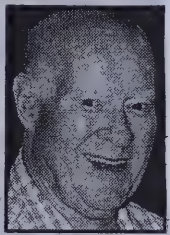
Calvin Harvey

AUBURN — Calvin C. Harvey, 83, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.


Mr. Harvey

Mr. Harvey worked at General Electric in Decatur and at Winter Street and Taylor Street and Broadway in Fort Wayne for 43 years, retiring in 1986. He then worked as a service clerk at Scott's Food Store in Auburn for 14 years until 2003.

He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in England at the 187th General Hospital from March 1943 to April 1946.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, where he volunteered for many years with the Community Care Food Bank. He was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club, a lifetime member of American Legion Post 240 of Avilla, a board member of Christian Union Cemetery and enjoyed bowling, playing pool, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends.

He was born Jan. 17, 1924, in Adams County to Cecil E. and Bertha (Drummond) Harvey. They preceded him in death.

He married Maxine E. Leiter on July 24, 1948, in Garrett, and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jonathan D. and Lori Harvey of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan J. and Paul Culler of Helmer, a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Lois Harvey of Decatur; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Naomi and Morris Krueckeberg of Decatur, Gladys and Robert Braden of Decatur and Betty and Joshua Zurcher of Monroe; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Harvey and Bernita Harvey, both of Decatur; five grandsons and their wives, Eric and Kim Culler, Randy and Stefanie Harvey, Jedd and Jenny Culler, Tim Harvey and Reid and Heather Culler; six great-grandchildren, Garrett Culler, Jenna Culler, Hanna Harvey, Gavin Culler, Haylee Harvey and Hayden Culler; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Harvey, Roseanna Harvey and Mabel Cook, and three brothers, Bryce, William and Robert Harvey.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Merrill Hayes

ANGOLA — Merrill L. Hayes, 66, of Angola died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in Hollow Rock, Tenn.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Glinda Myers

ASHLEY — Glinda N. Myers, 57, of Ashley died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers was born July 6, 1949, in Prestonburg, Ky. She was a member of the Nazarene Church in Auburn.

Surviving are her husband, John R. Myers of Ashley; two sons and daughters-in-law, Phillip Greg and Melissa Ousley of Williamstown, Ky., and Henry Scot and Rebekah Ousley of Claypool; six grandchildren; five sisters, Ala Faye Reed of Prestonburg, Ky., Patty Perkins of Warsaw, Sharon Worthley of Dublin, Calif., Henrietta Hunt of Dry Ridge, Ky., and Kerry Johnson of Prestonburg, Ky.; and one brother, Gary Johnson of Crittenden, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Goldia Johnson, and a brother, Larry Johnson.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Nelson & Fraizer Funeral Home, 7 Clinic Drive, Martin, Ky.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 21, 2007, Wednesday

Vivian Winebrenner, 97

MERRIAM — Vivian B. Winebrenner, 97, of Merriam died Friday, March 16, 2007, at 2:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where she had been a patient since November.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel Church. In her leisure time she enjoyed gardening, fishing, mushroom hunting, and especially her family.

She was born on April 2, 1909, in Payne, Ohio, to Walter and Opal (Klinger) Moog. She spent her early years in Ohio until moving to Columbia City as a teenager with her parents.

She married John Raymond Winebrenner on Nov. 26,1927, and lived all of her married life in Noble Township. Her husband died on Feb. 3, 1981.

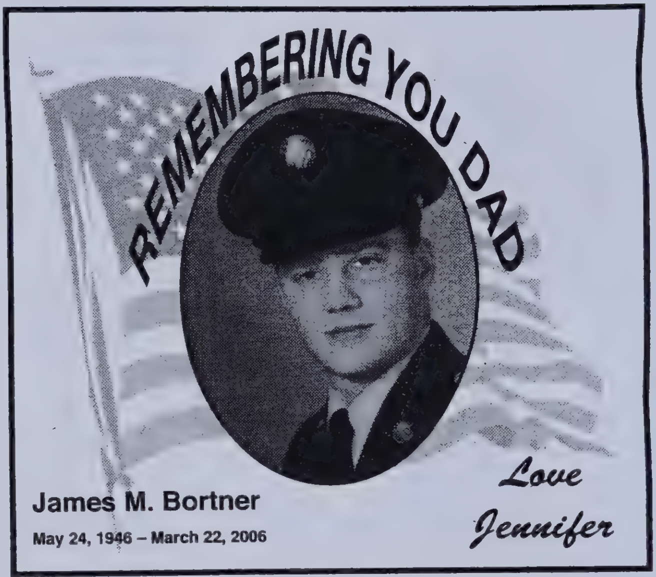
Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Jay E. Reidenbach of Topeka; four grandchildren and their spouses, Maureen Reidenbach and John and Pat Reidenbach, all of Fort Wayne, Anne Reidenbach of Wolcottville, and David and Myrna Reidenbach of Wawaka; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Doris Moog of Columbia City; eight great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse she was preceded in death by a sister, Agnes Ernst, and two brothers, John Moog and Bob Moog.

Graveside services took place March 18, 2007 at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. The Rev. Terry Zolman officiated.

Memorials are to the Merriam Christian Chapel Church or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.



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ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 21, 2007, Wednesday

Bonnie Woody, 55

ALBION — Bonnie Sue Woody, 55, of rural Albion died Monday, March 19, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Woody graduated from East Noble High School in 1979.

She will be remembered as a wonderful mother and friend to all. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, singing, crocheting, sewing, computers, flower gardening, photo albums and scrapbooking.

Mrs. Woody was born in Burwind, W.Va., on Nov. 30, 1951, to Louis Edward Sr. and Betty Mae Saunders (Kirby) Wade. She married Kenneth Ray Woody on Oct. 9, 1968, in Brimfield. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Kimberly Renee Johnson of Wewoka, Okla., and Michelle Dawn Woody and Sumer Starr Woody, both of New Orleans, La.; a son and daughter-in-law, William and Meechelle Woody of Albion; a brother, Larry Wade of Brimfield; five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Brenda and Frank Swank of Logan, Ohio, Mary Jane and William Tritt of Westerville, Ohio, Barbara Benton and Ginger and Michael Snook, all of Goshen, and Evelyn Krotzer and Duane Smith of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Patricia Wade of Kendallville; and nine grandchildren, Skylla Hurt, Dustin Hurt, Brittany Williams, Michael Woody, Allena Armitage, Eric Dean, Kenneth A. Woody, Matthan Cantrell and Desiree Woody.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kenneth Ray Woody Jr. in 1970; brothers, Louis Jr., Ronald, Donald and Allen Wade; and a sister, Betty Sheets.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Helen Green

KENDALLVILLE — Helen Green, 84, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at Heritage Park Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Green

Mrs. Green was a homemaker.

During World War II, she worked for the U.S. government in the office of the Secretary of Defense. She was a 1941 graduate of Minneapolis Central High School.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary and American Legion Post 86 Auxiliary, both in Kendallville.

Mrs. Green was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on Jan. 26, 1923, to Carl and Martha (Norrine) Hassel. She married Wendell Frederick Green on June 16, 1944, in Washington, D.C. He preceded her death Oct. 13, 1999.

Surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Pat Green of Oakland, Calif., Randall and Janet Green of Romulus, Mich., Thomas and Denise Green of Fort Wayne, Rick Green of Phoenix, Ariz., and James Green of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Priscilla Hagerty of Marshall, Mich., and Sara and Tom Roach of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Ruth Lemke of Minneapolis, Minn., and Margaret Grenhagen of Mankato, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Walter and Donald Hassel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Mowery from Harvest Fellowship Church in Leo officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to VFW Post 2749 Scholarship Fund.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Rose Dotson

LIGONIER — Rose Ann Dotson, 67, of Ligonier died at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Dotson was a lifetime Ligonier resident.

She had worked as a certified nurses aide at Oak Leaf Village Nursing Home in Ligonier for 15 years, retiring in 1996.

Mrs. Dotson loved to do puzzles and enjoy reading.

She was born Feb. 24, 1940, in Ligonier to Earl and Pearl Mae (Lynn) Cook. She married Denver D. Dotson on June 24, 1971, in Ligonier. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cindy Dotson and her husband, Curtis, of Ligonier and Cathy Stribling of Kentucky; and a grandson, Denver N. Dotson of Ligonier.

There will be no services or calling.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, LIgonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Merrill Hayes

HOLLOW ROCK, Tenn. — Merrill Lee Hayes, 66, of Hollow Rock, Tenn., and formerly of Angola and Wabash died Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

He worked for Bertsch Vending Co. and later Ford Meter Box in Wabash. He retired from Ford after 23 years.

He also farmed in Wabash. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and hunting.

Mr. Hayes was born in Miami County on April 5, 1940, to Lavern and Mary (Foust) Hayes. He married Linda Kay Finnell on March 21, 1964. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Diane and David Roets of Holley, N.Y., and Lisa Marie Hayes of Arizona; a son, Christopher Alan Hayes of Jackson, Tenn.; a sister-in-law, Atta "Tatsy" Hayes of Hudson; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jeff and Marge Finnell of Beverly Hills, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Melanie Snyder of Fort Myers, Fla.; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Lou Hayes; six nieces and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Merval Hayes, in 2004.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Lawrence Smith officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 22, 2007, Thursday

Ruth Miller

LIGONIER — Ruth Coss Miller, 90, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks.

Mrs. Miller spent most of her life in Ligonier except for a five-year period in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where she graduated from high school in 1934.

She had served as Ligonier clerk-treasurer for 16 years and had held many clerical jobs, including managing the license bureau.

Mrs. Miller had been an active member of the community. She was a past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, a past president of the Girl Scout Council and a Girl Scout troop leader for many years. Over the years she collected for many charities in Ligonier and was active in Beta Sigma Tau Sorority and a bridge club.

She enjoyed reading and walking and was the oldest member of the Ligonier Recreation Center.

She was born Feb. 23, 1917, in Toledo, Ohio, to Harry and Clora (Smith) Coss. She married Carmon Miller of Topeka on Oct. 30, 1938. He died March 25, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter, Elaine Geeting of Visalia, Calif.; a son, Stephen Miller of Goshen; five grandchildren, Tom Geeting of Chino Hill, Calif., Michael Geeting of El Dorado Hills, Calif., Jennifer Poholsky of Evergreen, Colo., Ryan Miller of Sacramento, Calif., and Greg Miller of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Roger and Charles.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Public Library, 300 S. Main St., Ligonier, IN 46767

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

DeLaures Peppler

COLUMBIA CITY — DeLaures B. Peppler, 87, of Whitley County died at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at Renaissance Village where she had been a resident since 1998.

Mrs. Peppler

Mrs. Peppler lived in Fort Wayne and Allen County until moving to Thorncreek Township in 1968.

She retired from Essex Wire in 1980 with 10 years of service.

Mrs. Peppler had attended Nebraska Grade School and completed her education at Central High School.

She attended Thorncreek Bethel Church of God and its women's group.

She was born May 30, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Wilber Elmo and Leona Mary (Waterman) Ables. She married William George Peppler on Aug. 5, 1936. He died Oct. 12, 1981.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Gary G. Peppler of Howe, Stanley A. and Diana Peppler of Fort Wayne, David W. and Deanna Peppler of Columbia City, Jonathan E. and Susan Peppler of Roanoke and Thomas J. and Lisa Peppler of Columbia City; four daughters and a son-in-law, Jacqueline A. Peppler of Columbia City, Doris J. Eiler of Larwill, Darlene K. Peppler of Muncie and Mary E. (Lin) Branning of Larwill; 27 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Sue Peppler; a great-granddaughter, Jessica Holten; two brothers, George Ables and Stanley Ables; and two sisters, Jackie Holifield and an infant sister, Mary.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Robert Priest and the Rev. Tom Beck officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Gideons International or Southern Care Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

Bonnie Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Bonnie Temple, 66, of Kendallville died today, Thursday, March 22, 2007, at her home following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 22, 2007, Thursday

Waldo Detter

WAUSEON, Ohio — Waldo F. Detter, 84, of Wauseon died Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at Heartland Nursing Home in Wauseon.

Prior to his retirement, he had worked as a brick mason for Melvin Wyse for many years, and then served as the Fulton County veteran service officer for 10 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the European Theater where he received four Bronze Stars, a Silver Star and two Purple Hearts.

Mr. Detter was a member of Emmaus Lutheran Church in Wauseon. He was also a member of the Wauseon VFW and the Wauseon American Legion Post.

He was born in York Township, Fulton County, Ohio, on Nov. 2, 1922, to Phillip and Elizabeth (Frank) Detter. He married Donnelda "Dottie" Vonier on April 9, 1944. She died in 2006.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Dianna Detter of Mesa, Ariz., Deb Schmitt and Bob Bracey of Decatur and Marcia and Jeff Grant of West Unity, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Diane Detter of Stryker, Ohio, and Michael and Stephanie Detter of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Orville and Margaret Detter of Wauseon, Ohio; a sister, Magdelene Grieser of Archbold, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Willis "Bill" Detter, and a sister, Betty Cheney.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Emmaus Lutheran Church with the Rev. Charles Althoff officiating. Burial will be in Wauseon Union Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Edgar-Grisier Funeral Home in Wauseon.

Memorials are to Emmaus Lutheran Church or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Lynn Smith Jr.

Mr. Smith

ST. ROBERT, Mo. — Former Angola resident Lynn Richard "Oak" Smith Jr., 42, of St. Robert, Mo., died Wednesday, March 14, 2007, as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle-vehicle accident near Lebanon, Mo.

He attended elementary school in Union City, Mich., and graduated from Vicksburg High School in Vicksburg, Mich., in 1982. Later that year, he entered the U.S. Army.

He was a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and served in Saudi Arabia. He received several awards and commendations for service to his country.

He lived in the Angola area in the late 1980s and early 1990s, during which time he attended Tri-State University. He was deployed to Desert Storm with the Angola National Guard Unit.

For the last several years, he was employed with the Civil Service at the MANSCEN Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He enjoyed the outdoors. He loved hunting and working with the livestock on his farm. He loved his motorcycle and was a member of the Midwest Drifters, Patriot Freedom Riders, Fort Wood Shrine Club and the Richland Masonic Lodge No. 385 of the Free & Accepted Masons.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was baptized in the Osage River.

Mr. Smith was born Nov. 23, 1964, in Coldwater, Mich., to Lynn Richard Sr. and Melody (Reavis) Smith. He married Michelle Denise Bunch on Dec. 21, 2001, in Lebanon. She survives.

Also surviving are three children, Mackenzie Hildebrand, Jonathan Bunch and Trae Lynn Richard Smith III, all at home; his father, Lynn Smith Sr. and his wife Ruth of Homer, Mich.; his mother, Melody Coffman and her husband Richard of Angola; three sisters, Kerry Lynn Katt of Fort Wayne, Laura Tompkins of Homer and Michelle Caw of New Hampshire; three brothers, Jim Smith of Angola, Lanny Smith of Schoolcraft, Mich. and Aaron Smith of Homer; grandparents, Mary Maine of Homer and Bertha Forward of Three Rivers, Mich.; father-in-law, Bob Bunch of Waynesville, Mo.; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary; and two grandfathers, Obed Smith and Robert Reavis.

Services were Sunday at the Pulaski County-Fort Wood Shrine Club of Buckhorn, Mo., with Forrest Maxey and Rick Lepard officiating.

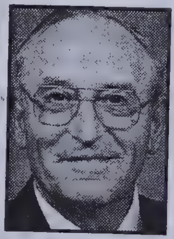
Memorials are to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Arrangements were handled by Memorial Chapel of Waynesville, St. Robert.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 22, 2007, Thursday

Longtime Noble County official John Schermerhorn, 88, dies

WAWAKA — John H. "Stub" Schermerhorn, 88, of Wawaka, a longtime Noble County government official, died Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.


Mr. Schermerhorn

Mr. Schermerhorn spent his entire life on the family farm in Orange Township where he farmed and sold agriculture seed.

Mr. Schermerhorn was an active member of the Noble County Republican Party and a longtime member of the Noble County Fair Board and the Noble County Farm Bureau Co-Op. He was elected to serve on the Noble County Council from 1951-62 and on the Noble County Board of Commissioners from 1965-76.

He was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church where he served as superintendent of the Sunday school and as a trustee.

He loved attending family activities, spending time with his coffee shop friends and talking and visiting with people. He and his wife, Mary, enjoyed traveling with their dear friends, Harold and Virginia Frick.

Mr. Schermerhorn loved nature and the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping and had a great love of sports.

He was born in Orange Township, Noble County, on Oct. 31, 1918, to John M. Sr. and Edna (Miller) Schermerhorn. He graduated from Rome City High School in 1936 and attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison to study an agriculture short course.

He married Mary A. Gilbert on Dec. 3, 1939, in Elkhart Township. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Paula Schermerhorn of Ligonier, J. David and Sue Ann Schermerhorn of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, and Larry and Becky Schermerhorn of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jerry Cunningham of Ligonier and Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Mary Stevens of Angola; 19 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert W. Schermerhorn, who died in World War II; a sister, Margaret McWilliams; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brimfield United Methodist Church with Pastor Maureen Mauzy and the Rev. Omer Nisley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Gregg Cunningham, Tim Schermerhorn, Mark Schermerhorn, Tom Schermerhorn, Dave Schermerhorn, Nate Schermerhorn, Andrew Brostrand, John Michael Schermerhorn and Jeff Schermerhorn.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship in care of the Noble County Community Foundation or the Brimfield United Methodist Church.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Services Monday for John Schermerhorn

WAWAKA — John H. "Stub" Schermerhorn, 88, of Wawaka, died on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Schermerhorn was born in Orange Township, Noble County, Indiana on October 31, 1918 to John M. and Edna (Miller) Schermerhorn, Sr. and lived his entire life on the family farm.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1936 attended University of Wisconsin in Madison to study an agriculture short course.

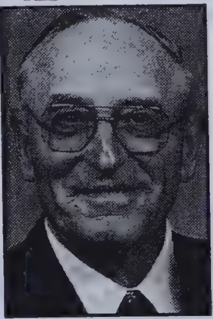
He married Mary A. Gilbert on December 3, 1939 in Elkhart Township, Noble County.

He was a lifetime farmer and agriculture seed salesman.

Mr. Schermerhorn was a lifetime farmer and agriculture seed salesman.

He was elected to several terms on both the Noble County Council and as a Noble County Commissioner.

Mr. Schermerhorn was an active member of the Noble County Republican Party and a longtime member of the Noble County Fair Board and the Noble County Farm Bureau Co-Op.



John Schermerhorn

He was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church where he was superintendent of the Sunday School and a Trustee.

He loved family activities, his coffee shop friends, talking and visiting with people and travelling adventures with dear friends Harold and Virginia Frick.

Mr. Schermerhorn loved nature and the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping.

He had a great love of sports.

Survivors include:

His wife of 67 years, Mary Schermerhorn of Wawaka; son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Paula Schermerhorn of Ligonier; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Jerry Cunningham of Ligonier; son and daughter-in-law, J. David and Sue Ann Schermerhorn of Sylvan Lake, Rome City; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Becky Schermerhorn of Wawaka; and daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand of Atlanta, Georgia.

Also, he had 19 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Stevens of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert W. Schermerhorn, who died in World War II; a sister, Margaret McWilliams; and a great granddaughter.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Monday, March 26, at 10 a.m. at Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Maureen Mauzy and Rev. Omer Nisley.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Noble County Community Foundation - John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship or the Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Casketbearers will be Gregg Cunningham, Tim Schermerhorn, Mark Schermerhorn, Tom Schermerhorn, Dave Schermerhorn, Nate Schermerhorn, Andrew Brostrand, John Michael Schermerhorn, and Jeff Schermerhorn.

View a video tribute (by Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St.. Kendallville

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Rose Dotson

LIGONIER — Rose Ann Dotson, 67, died Wednesday, March 21 at 8:45 a.m. in her Ligonier residence.

Mrs. Dotson was born Feb. 24, 1940 in Ligonier and lived her for all of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Pearl Mae (Cook) Dotson.

She married Denver D. Dotson on June 24, 1971 in Ligonier, and he survives in Ligonier.

Other survivors include two daughters: Cindy and Curtis Dotson of Ligonier; and Cathy Stribling of Kentucky. She is also survived by a grandson, Denver N. Dotson of Ligonier.

Mrs. Dotson worked as a certified nurses aid at Oak Leaf VIllage nursing home in Ligonier fore 15 years, and retired in 1996.

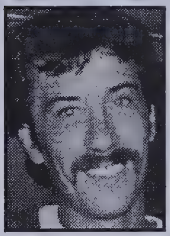
She loved to do puzzles and enjoy reading.

There will be no services or calling.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Terry Horan

LIGONIER — Terry L. Horan, 49, of Ligonier died at 8:20 p.m. Sunday, March 11, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.


Mr. Horan

Mr. Horan had moved to the area in 1975 from Anderson.

He was a carpenter with the South Bend Carpenters' Union Local 413 and worked for Corporate Construction.

Mr. Horan attended Sparta United Church of Christ.

He was born April 28, 1957, in Anderson to William and Sarah "Sally" (Williams) Horan. He married Stephanie Hire on Feb. 20, 1976. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Regan and Andrew Knox of Cromwell and Tara Horn, at home; a son, Christopher Horan of Austin, Texas; his mother, Sally Horan of North Webster; a grandson, Gage William Knox; and two brothers, Robert Horan of Fort Wayne and Patrick Horan of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Horan.

Services were last Friday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with Pastor Brad Cox officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to the family or Noble County EMS.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Former city clerk Ruth Miller, 90

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Coss Miller, 90, passed away March 21, 2007 at the Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, where she had been apatient for several weeks.

She was born February 23, 1917 to Harry and Clora (Smith) Coss in Toledo, Ohio. Two brothers, Roger and Charles preceded her in death.

Her father passed away when she was four years old and she moved with her mother and brothers to Ligonier where she spent most of her life except for five years in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where she graduated from High School in 1934.

On October 30, 1938 she married Carmon Miller of Topeka. They subsequently had a daughter, Elaine (Geeting, husband David) and a son Stephen, (wife Betty.) Her mother died in October of 1967 and Carmon preceded her in death on March 25, 1996.

Mrs. Miller was a very active volunteer in Ligonier. She was Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, a past president of the Girl Scout Council and a Girl Scout Troop Leader for many years. Over the years she collected for many charities in Ligonier and was active in Beta Sigma Tau Sorority and Bridge Club.

She held many clerical jobs during her lifetime including License Branch Manager. She was the City Clerk for Ligonier for sixteen years. Mrs. Miller enjoyed walking and was the oldest member of the Ligonier Recreation Center.

She is survived by her daughter, Elaine, of Visalia, CA, son, Stephen, of Goshen. Five grandchildren; Tom Geeting of Chino Hill, Calif.; Michael Geeting of El Dorado Hills, Calif.; Jennifer Poholsky of Evergreen, Colo.; Ryan Miller of Sacramento, Calif., and Greg Miller of Grand Rapids, Mich. She leaves eight great grandchildren ages eight to one years of age.

Always a very avid reader, she requests any memorials be made to the Ligonier Public Library, 300 South Main Street, Ligonier, IN 46767, in her name. The library was a source of great joy to her all of her life.

At her request, no service will be held.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Man died in U.S. 6 wreck

WAWAKA — Willie Belcher, 52, of Kendallville, died Saturday in a one-car creash near Wawaka.

According to the Noble County Sheriff's Department, Belcher's 2002 Dodge Dakota was traveling westbound on U.S. 6 and for an unknown reason left the roadway and struck a tree head-on.

The vehicle caught fire, and due to the heat and flames, witnesses and emergency personnel were not able to rescue the driver. The crash occurred at 2558 W. U.S. 6.

Assisting the Noble County Sheriff's Department at the scene were the Indiana State Police, Ligonier police, Noble County EMS, Noble County Coroner's Office, and the Albion and Orange Township fire departments.

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Bonnie Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Bonnie Lou Temple, 67, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at her home with her family by her side.

Mrs. Temple was dedicated to her family as a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her pets.

Mrs. Temple

She was an avid collector of antiques, loved to tend to her flower garden and go shopping. She also enjoyed making crafts and motorcycling with her husband.

Mrs. Temple was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

She graduated from DeKalb High School in 1958.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 17, 1940, and raised by John L. and Esther Louise (Lindsey) Smith. She married Sanders Edwin Temple Jr. on Feb. 6, 1965. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are her mother, Esther Smith of Garrett; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Kimberly Forker of Rome City, Kristin Davidson and Annette and Terry Donat, all of Kendallville, and Sandra and Fred Barkey of Bowling Green, Ky.; two sons and daughters-in-law Kirk and Krystal Temple and Walter and Mary Temple, all of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Dyanne Temple-Barksdale of Athens, Ala.; two sisters, Betty Squire of Angola and Connie Short and Herb Cady of Houston, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Ron "Joe" and Chris Smith of Garrett; 19 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; a great-great-granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, John L. Smith in 1990, and two sons, Aaron Temple on July 10, 1965, and David Temple on Sept. 13, 1979.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Jim Lilley officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Derek Davidson, Dustin Forker, Jason Temple, Kamron Temple, Brandon Donat, Thomas Barkey and Devin Cain.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

View a video tribute by Saturday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James Nelson

KENDALLVILLE — James L. "Handy Man" Nelson, 62, died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

A native of Fort Wayne, Mr. Nelson was employed with Silgan Plastics in the warehouse for 14 1/2 years.

He was a member of VFW Post 10006 in Fort Wayne and the American Philatelic Society.

He will be remembered as an honest, hard-working, loving man who always provided for his family.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara L. Nelson of Kendallville; his children, Gregg Nelson of Fort Wayne, Jeffrey and Gina Nelson of Garrett, Bryan and Sissy Nelson of Helenwood, Tenn., Tonya and Jared Miller of Richmond, Kathryne and Chris Monteith of Albion, and Daniel Nelson of Kendallville; two stepsons, Micheal Altevogt of Fort Wayne and Christopher and Amber Altevogt of Yoder; a sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Ted Best of Fort Wayne; a brother, Herb Honness of Toledo, Ohio; 31 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery with military graveside honors by VFW Post 10006.

Calling will be from noon to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross Pheresis Department.

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Dean Terman

COLUMBIA CITY — Dean A. Terman, 66, a resident of Troy Cedar Lake, died at 12:10 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2007, at his home. He had been in failing health.

Mr. Terman

A self-employed truck driver, Mr. Terman worked for United Trucking from 1968 until 1973, North Manchester Trucking from 1973 until 1983, Next Day Transfer from 1983 until 1990 and Trojan Teaming Co. from 1990 until August 2006.

From Sept. 4, 1958, until his honorable discharge on Nov. 19, 1961, he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2919, AmVets 2919 of South Whitley, American Legion Post 258 in Pierceton and a life member of Disabled American Veterans.

A lifelong resident of Troy Township, he graduated from Larwill High School and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 18, 1940, in Troy Township of Whitley County to Russell S. and Anna B. (Tannehill) Terman.

On Dec. 23, 2006, he married Judi A. Sherwood. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dean Terman Jr. of Churubusco and Timothy and Amy Terman of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Tamatha and Colin May of Valparaiso; two grandchildren, Samantha Terman and Rosie Terman; and a brother, Don E. Terman of Columbia City.

A graveside funeral service will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday in Adams Cemetery, with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Military honors will be presented at the cemetery by AmVets 2919.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City.

Memorials are to VFW Post 2919.

Condolences may be sent at www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Jolessa Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Jolessa Lynn Miller, infant daughter of Melvin and Connie (Miller) Miller of Shipshewana, died shortly after birth Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving with her parents are a sister, Jordanna Miller; three brothers, Joshua, Justin and Jedrik Miller, all at home; and grandparents, Elmer and Alice Miller of Stuarts Draft, Va., and Raymond and Barbara Miller of Paris, Tenn.

Graveside services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Rosewood Cemetery at Shipshewana with home ministers officiating. Pallbearers will be Daniel Miller and Steve Kinsinger.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at Rosewood Fellowship Church at Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Eleanor Borton

EDON, Ohio — Eleanor L. Borton, 71, of Edon, Ohio, died at 1:25 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne, where she was admitted earlier in the week.

Mrs. Borton was a graduate of Garrett High School. She was a member of the Edon Church of Christ and formerly served as its Sunday school treasurer. She was employed over the years by Burkhardt Grocery, Wolff Tractor Sales and Dr. Stokes.

She was born Feb. 17, 1936, in Garrett to Charles Raymond and Frances Alice (Lasch) Newman.

She married Kenneth V. Borton on Dec. 29, 1954, in Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Karen Borton of Edon, Ohio, two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Joan Borton, of Souderton, Pa., and Eric and Bobbi Borton of Holiday City, Ohio; three granddaughters, Desiree, Jennalee and Nikki; one great-grandson, Elijah; and two sisters, Naomi George of Auburn and Marjorie Powell of Bluffton.

She was preceded in death by one son, Steven, in 1957 and two brothers.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Edon Church of Christ with minister Glenn Anderson officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Joni and Friends, P.O. Box 64085, Souderton, PA 18964.

Condolences may be sent and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Ruth Freeman

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth E. Freeman, 92, of Kendallville died at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had been a resident the past four years.

Mrs. Freeman had lived in the Avilla area most of her life. She had resided at the Lamplighter 10 years before moving to the nursing home.

She was a homemaker and had been a custodian many years at Garrett High School.

Mrs. Freeman enjoyed doing word search puzzles, reading, flowers, bird watching, church activities and spending time with her family.

She had been a member of South Milford United Methodist Church and later Trinity Church United Methodist and the United Methodist Women. She had previously belonged to Swan Methodist Church, Avilla Evangelical United Brethren Church and Calvary United Methodist Church.

She was born in Green Township, Noble County, to James and Ella (Weimer) Cramer. She married Ray Freeman on May 24, 1930, in Swan Township. He died in 1985.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, June Wilson of Wolcottville, Shirley and Gene Cordray of Avon Park, Fla., and Pam Amodei of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Irene Freeman of Wilmington, N.C., Max and Michelle Freeman of Troy, Mich., and Gene and Deb Freeman of Valley Center, Kan.; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Freeman of Albion; a brother, Dean Cramer of Streetsboro, Ohio; a brother-in-law, Carl Workman of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry Freeman; a sister, Esther Workman; and two sons-in-law, James Wilson and Leo Amodei.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Barbara Cross of South Milford United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Swan Township Cemetery near LaOtto.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home's nursing department or activities department or the South Milford United Methodist Church.

Virginia Anspaugh

ANGOLA — Virginia Lucille Anspaugh, 79, of Angola died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was a supervisor at Electric Cord Sets, and retired in 1989. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, playing cards and fishing with a cane pole.

Mrs. Anspaugh was born Dec. 31, 1917, in Grayson, Ky., to Hank and Duna Grayson. She was married to Charles H. Anspaugh Jr. in 1943, and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Nancy Anspaugh of Angola and David and Charlotte Anspaugh of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Carol Ann Anspaugh of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Ginny and Mark Houlton of Angola, Janie and Mitch Robinson and Andy Anspaugh, all of Sevierville, Tenn., George and Tina Anspaugh of Fremont, Charley and Beth Sneadker of Jacksonville, Fla., Andy Yeither of Huntington and Petra and Sean Gorman of Fort Wayne; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Frank Anspaugh Jr. in 1986; three brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Adam Sidler officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 24, 2007, Saturday

H. Dean Luke

ASHLEY — H. Dean "Dean the Drycleaner" Luke, 77, of Ashley and Arcadia, Fla., died Monday, March 19, 2007, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota.

Mr. Luke was the owner and operator of Star Drycleaners in Kendallville for many years, then worked for Pent Products for 15 years, retiring in 1991.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving from 1954-56 in Germany.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and the Waterloo post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He enjoyed woodworking and loved the time he spent in Florida.

He was born April 29, 1929, in Richland Township of DeKalb County to Harold and Audra (Gurtner) Luke. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Kendallville.

He married Isabelle Miller on July 12, 1975, in Rome City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cosy and Jerry Watschke of Hackensack, Minn.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ann and Rick Crummett of Waterloo; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Kathryn Luke of Fort Wayne and George and Barbara Luke of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Hock Buckley of Quincy, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Joseph Williams, and a brother, Martin Luke.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at the church.

Ervin Miller

LIGONIER — Ervin A. Miller, 87, of Ligonier died at 2:15 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2007, at his home in Ligonier.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 17, 1920, in Haven, Kan., to Andy and Gertie (Miller) Miller. He married Lizzie Plank on Nov. 7, 1940, in Haven, Kan. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Harley and Esther Miller of Topeka, and William and Mary Miller of Shipshewana; six daughters and sons-in-law, Gertie and Sam Mast Jr. of Millersburg, Martha and Floyd Lehman of LaGrange, Vera and Glenn Troyer of Ligonier, Anna Yoder of Topeka, Edna and Alvin Hostetler of Ligonier and Betty and Elvie Miller of Ligonier; three brothers, William Miller of Topeka, Sam Miller of Goshen and Andy and Fannie Miller of Leon, Iowa; 77 grandchildren and 182 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, Mose Miller; and two sisters, Polly Bontranger and Elizabeth Fry.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the family residence in Ligonier with Bishop Samuel Herschberger and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Visitation will be held after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

THE NEWS SUN
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Heidi Taylor

KENDALLVILLE — Heidi Taylor, 38, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She collected wizards and dragons, coins and stamps.

She was born in Kendallville on Oct. 23, 1968, and raised by Reed and Mary Beth (Wagner) Taylor.

Surviving are a daughter, Cassie Taylor of Kendallville; a brother, Billy Jefferies of Auburn; a sister, Marie Nelson of Wolcottville; an uncle and aunt, Robert and Elsa Wagner of Huntertown; two brothers-in-law, Craig Nelson of Wolcottville and Wesley Fuller of Kendallville; two sisters-in-law, Dorine Fuller of Kendallville and Christina Fuller of Albion; two nephews, Zachary and Brandon Case of Wolcottville; two nieces, Amber Case and Keera Nelson of Wolcottville; and a cousin, Jodi Zimmerman of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Beth Taylor.

There will be a gathering of family and friends Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kitty Snellenberger

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Kitty Snellenberger, 66, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, March 23, 2007, at Battle Creek Health System in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Snellenberger retired in 2000 from Allied, Addison Products and Acorn as a human resource manager.

She was a member of the Moose Auxiliary and enjoyed calling and working bingo at the 101 Lounge and The Bush in Angola.

She was born Feb. 18, 1941, in Pittsburgh to John and Lois (O'Rourke) Ebner. She married George Snellenberger on June 30, 1967, in Montreal.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter and son-in-law, Jacque and Curt Thatcher of Coldwater, Mich.; and three sisters, Marianne Boff, Patty Faren and Norma Cline, all of Pittsburgh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater, Mich., with Father Brian Stanley officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery of Coldwater, Mich.

Calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Cancer Society or by donating blood through the American Red Cross.

Condolences may be sent online at www.dutcherfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 24, 2007, Saturday

Harriet Swanson

KENDALLVILLE — Harriet T. Swanson, 86, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Swanson was retired from Sprague Devices, where she worked as an assembler.

She was a member of the Star Righters Square Dancers and Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She enjoyed crocheting and tatting.

She was born Oct. 14, 1920, in LaPorte to James and Rose (Dudek) Jasinowski. She married William O. Swanson on Feb. 26, 1945, in LaPorte. He preceded her in death in February 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and David Blackman of Kendallville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, William Donald Swanson of Tigard, Ore., and Richard and Judy Swanson of Pueblo, Colo.; four sisters, Adeline Serafin of LaPorte, Ann Swift of Michigan City, Kay Gillick of LaPorte and Joan Kowalczyk of LaPorte; four grandsons, Jesse Weaver, Eric Blackman, Jon Blackman and Michael Blackman; three granddaughters, Amy Weaver, Amanda English and Kristen Blackman; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Bernacchi; and three brothers, Stanley Jasinowski, Ted Jasinowski and John Kozlowski.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Ian J. Williams officiating. Burial will be at Swan Lake Mausoleum in Michigan City.

Calling will be 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Essling Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Service of Northern Indiana.

Daniel Harley Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — Daniel Leonard Harley Jr., 62, of Kendallville died Friday, March 23, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Harley co-owned R&H Services Inc. of Kendallville since 1992 and he also worked for J.O. Mory for about 13 years prior. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1962 until 1970.

Mr. Harley Jr.

He was an instructor since 1986 for the Indiana Hunter Education Association and a member of the Indiana Conservation Officers Association. He was also a member of American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville on May 23, 1944, to Daniel Leonard and Kathleen Rebecca (Conrad) Harley Sr. and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1962.

Survivors include a fiancee, Carolyn Moon of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Trina and Greg Amburgey of Kendallville, and Melanie and Danny Perkins of Rome City; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Don Miller of Kendallville; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

His parents preceded him in death.

A gathering of family and friends will be Monday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Dan Harley Residence, 1005 Richard Road in Kendallville. No funeral service is scheduled.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Dale Ackerman lived simple life of faith

"Make a joyful noise unto the lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."
— Psalms 98:4, King James Bible

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HAMILTON — Dale Ackerman was a man of great faith, and he used his booming singing voice to show it.

"He loved to play the keyboard and sing at home, and I loved to listen to him do it," said Pat, Dale's wife of nearly 51 years.

Dale was a faithful, longtime member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir.

"He just loved to sing, and he would work really diligently to do his part well," said Donna Hamman, the Hamilton UMC Choir director. "You knew he loved the Lord by the way he projected himself."

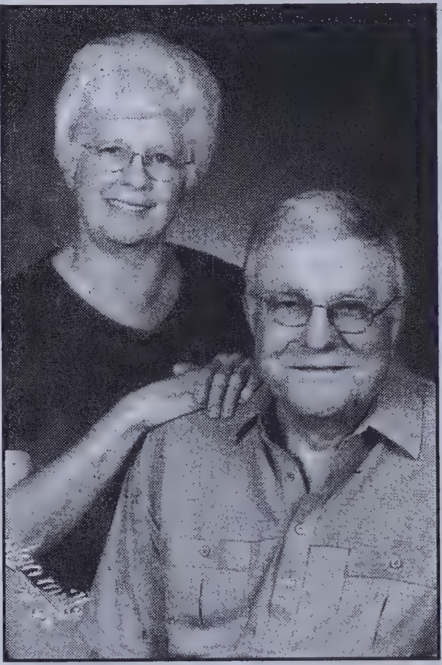
Dale and Pat met when she was 15 and she was 18. Pat grew up in the small town of Moore, which is situated between Auburn and Butler. When Pat was a teenager, free movies would be shown downtown there every Monday night.

"We were all lined up waiting for the show. He was there with his friends, he saw me and he said, 'that's my girl right there,'" Pat said with a smile in her voice.

A couple of years later, Pat and Dale were married. They had three children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A bout with polio at the age of 14 left Dale's health compromised for the rest of his life. Walking any distance was difficult for him, and his breathing was often labored.

His poor health made it difficult for Dale to travel, and he and Pat rarely ventured far from Hamilton. The only vacation the couple ever took, Pat said, was to Branson, Mo. to watch one of their grandsons play in a sports tournament.



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Dale Ackerman is pictured with his wife, Pat.

But neither of them ever felt like they'd missed anything.

"We had a wonderful life together," Pat said contentedly. "He enjoyed doing the yard work and I'd clean up his messes. He loved the Lord. He loved his kids and grandkids."

And he was involved in their lives.

"He was always watching the grandkids in their sports or whatever they did," Pat said.

Pat said that Dale was able to watch his grandchildren play sports was a blessing, as his polio ended his being able to play.

Dale's hobbies included fishing and making cracker jack. He had a cat, Taffy, who he loved.

Dale was also an avid woodworker. Some of his creations adorn the walls in the Hamilton UMC fellowship hall.

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As he got older, Dale's health worsened. He would sometimes talk about quitting the church choir, which both his wife and director refused to let him do.

"I'd tell him the Lord gave him a beautiful voice and he needed to use it," Pat said.

When Dale could no longer stand to sing with the choir, he bought a stool and sat.

"We'd say, 'Dale, we need you,' and he'd get his stool and get up there," Donna said.

Three days before his death, Dale underwent routine surgery to remove his gallbladder at a local hospital. Doctors suspected he had suffered a mild heart attack and transferred him to St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, where it was discovered his lungs had given out and he had sustained severe heart damage.

Unable to physically handle any more surgery, Dale and his family decided to let nature take its course.

Dale smoked for a long time, Pat said. He quit 11 years ago, but realized it hadn't been good for his health.

"He was always telling the kids they needed to get off the cigarettes," Pat said. "He was telling them that on his deathbed. He was giving advice right up until the end."

The Hamilton UMC Choir takes a break from January to April, and Donna said Dale's absence will be greatly felt when the group reconvenes.

"I just don't know how that's going to go," she said. "We loved Dale so much, and we're sure going to miss him. There's sure going to be a big void."

When Dale slipped away, Pat, and a group of 11 of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were gathered at his bedside.

"The grandkids would say, 'I love you, Grandpa,' and he'd mouth it right back to them and try to smile," Pat said. "He's where he wants to be. He's at peace."

Willie Shipman

AVILLA — Willie Shipman, 81, of Avilla died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Mrs. Shipman was a homemaker and was affiliated with the Assembly of God Church.

She was born May 12, 1925, in Miami, Okla., to Jesse Blair and Opal (Johnson) Blair. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanne and Robert Botts of Avilla and Debbie and David Staggs of Patterson, Calif; one brother, Leroy Blair of Miami, Okla.; six grandchildren and spouses, Robbi and Tom Evan, Marty and Tina Botts, Rick and Nikki Botts, Lori and Tony Paulsen, Scott Albro and Nikki Albro; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Shipman was preceded in death by one brother, four sisters, and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Rd., Kendallville. John DiMarzio from the Southwinds Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, will officiate.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Grove, Okla., at a later date.

Dorothy Devlin

LAGRANGE — Dorothy Devlin, 91, died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, 603 S. Detroit, LaGrange.

Other arrangements are pending.

Stanley Anderson

ANGOLA — Stanley K. Anderson, 51, of Angola, died Friday, March 23, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Anderson

Mr. Anderson was a custodian for the Prairie Heights Community School Corp., LaGrange. He was a former employee of Dana Corp. in Angola, and also worked at the Cedar Lake Golf Course in Howe. He coached girls golf at Prairie Heights High School and boys golf at the middle school. He was also the assistant coach of the boys golf team.

He was born July 22, 1955, in Fort Wayne to Richard and Janice (Emerick) Anderson. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Angola.

Mr. Anderson married Tracy S. Holsinger on June 15, 1985, in Mongo. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Jared K. Anderson of Indianapolis, Ty Anderson of Indianapolis, Austin Anderson of Angola and Casey Anderson of Angola; three sisters, Jane Smith of LaGrange, Lori Ramey of Fort Wayne and Lisa Anderson of Albion; and two brothers, David Anderson of Angola and Steve Anderson of Fort Myers, Fla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Mongo Methodist Church on S.R. 3.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan Street, LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.fruripmay-funeralhome.com.

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Ruth Hontz

KIMMELL — Ruth Elda Hontz, 92, of Kimmell died Friday, March 23, 2007, at The Oak Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Mrs. Hontz was a homemaker. She was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher.

Mrs. Hontz

She was also a member of the Washington Township Extension Homemakers Club and the Noble County Farm Bureau. Her interests included her family, her church, missionary ladies group, reading the Bible and other books, journaling, birds, flowers and politics.

She was born March 29, 1914, in Cass County, Mich., to Floyd and Chloe (Blanchard) Stillson. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale Hontz on Nov. 17, 1940, in Ormas, Ind. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Reva and Richard Edwards of Kimmell and Cyrena and Ray Hoffeditz of Pittsboro; one son, Steven Hontz of Kimmell; a son-in-law, Lew Wolfe of Ligonier; and two siblings, Marge Miller and Ward Stillson, both of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Claire; two grandsons; one great-grandson; and four brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at the Ormas Baptist Church, 8900 North C.R. 300W, Columbia City.

Calling will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the church.

Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

J.A. Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Ormas Baptist Church

Marilyn J. Fulk

CHURUBUSCO — Marilyn J. Fulk, 73, of Churubusco died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a week-long illness.

Mrs. Fulk was a homemaker. She was a member of the Good News Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1951.

Mrs. Fulk

She was born April 17, 1933, in Green Township, Noble County, to Tony and Venus E. (Herron) Geiger. They preceded her in death.

She married Tom L. Fulk May 28, 1982, in Churubusco. He survives.

Also surviving are four children and spouses, Max L. and Sandy Herendeen of Columbia City, Teresa and Mike Byram of Columbia City, Terry Herendeen of Churubusco, and Mary Lou and Bill Vaught of Churubusco; seven stepchildren and spouses, Vaughn and Tina Fulk of Columbia City, Erin and Mike Sneary of Avilla, Allison Kessinger of Churubusco, Vincent Fulk of Churubusco, Amy and Lee Tilbury of Avilla, Virgil and Jeni Fulk of Columbia City, and Christi and Perry Coe of Churubusco; seven brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Joan Geiger of Hernando, Miss., Bill and Wavelin Geiger of Arizona, C.L. "Pete" and Chris Geiger of Marysville, Ohio, Larry and Kathy Geiger of Phoenix, Ariz., Jim and Diane Geiger of Churubusco, Roger "Hump" and Barbara Geiger of Phoenix, Ariz., and Richard "Louie" and Valerie Geiger of Churubusco; 29 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Duane, Glenn, Tad, Don and Gerald.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home at 206 N. Main St., Churubusco. Pastor Edward A. Thompson will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow the funeral in the Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Dorothy Devlin

LAGRANGE — Dorothy M. Devlin, 91, of LaGrange died at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Devlin

Mrs. Devlin was a homemaker and had worked at Shadow Interiors until she retired.

She enjoyed crocheting and fishing.

Mrs. Devlin was the valedictorian of the Mongo High School class of 1933.

She was born Nov. 17, 1915, in Mongo to Harley and Edna (Gochenaur) Haag. She married James L. Devlin on Aug. 31, 1935. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Linda Devlin of Howe, William and Bonnie Devlin of Independence, Kan., and Duane and Zonnie Devlin of Ocala, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Tom Weiss of Munfordville, Ky.; 18 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery at Brighton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Mae Conley

AVILLA — Mae Conley, 86, of Avilla died at 2:25 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville with her family at her side.

Mrs. Conley

Mrs. Conley had moved to Stroh in 1954 from Kentucky and resided there until five years ago when she moved to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker and member of Helmer Independent Baptist Church.

She was born April 15, 1920, in Knott County, Ky., to Jack and Lona (Bailey) Handshoe.

Her husband, the Rev. Golden Conley, preceded her in death on April 20, 1976, after 40 years of marriage.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Willie and Wilma Conley of LaGrange and Cline and Joyce Conley of Wolcottville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Uthelene and David Schomaker of Avilla and Jean and Bob McNamara of Stroh; a sister, Bertha Conley of Avilla; two half sisters, Glenna Gibson and Myrtle Bailey, both of Kentucky; a close granddaughter and caretaker, Brenda Lash of Avilla; 12 other grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, infant Herman Conley and Finley Conley Sr. in 1980; a son-in-law, Edward Bolen Sr. in 1962; a daughter-in-law, Anna (Everage) Conley in 1995; three sisters; and four brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Helmer Independent Baptist Church with Pastors Glenn Patrick and Rick Davis officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Rick Conley, Jimmy Conley, Donald Conley, Finley Conley Jr., Edward Bolen and Lynn Lash.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, and from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfuneralhome@sbcglobal.net.

Evelyn Brazel

CROMWELL — Evelyn L. Brazel, 78, of rural Cromwell died at 2:45 a.m. today, Monday, March 26, 2007, at her home with her family at her side.

Mrs. Brazel had been in declining health for the past month.

Services are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier.

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Berniece Thompson

ALBION — Berniece Thompson, 87, of Albion died at 5 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Thompson was a lifetime area resident. She was a 1937 graduate of Pontiac High School in Pontiac, Mich., and 1939 graduate of Tri-State University.

She had served as secretary to a former Tri-State University president, worked on the rationing board during World War II and had been employed at the Federal Land Bank of Albion.

Mrs. Thompson had been a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion for more than 57 years. She was also a member of American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary in Albion.

She was born July 15, 1919, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Emory W. and Florence (Eldridge) Strater. She married Ernest M. Thompson on Dec. 14, 1940, at her home near Sweet Lake. He died March 12, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lynne and Vivian Thompson of Ossian and Benjamin and Christine Thompson of Avilla; a daughter, Jannie S. Rhodes of Mentone; a brother and sister-in-law, Max and June Strater of Chetek, Wis.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

David Brumbaugh

SHARPSVILLE — David Mark Brumbaugh, 66, of Sharpsville died Friday, March 23, 2007, at approximately 2:30 a.m. at Howard Community Hospital.

Mr. Brumbaugh grew up in South Bend and graduated from Clay High School in 1958. He studied Spanish and history at Manchester College and graduated in 1962, then earned a master's degree from Indiana University. He married Jolynn Reinoehl on June 14, 1964, and moved to Sharpsville to begin a teaching career.

He retired as a Spanish teacher at Haworth and Kokomo High School after 37 years of teaching in the same room. He was active in the teachers' bowling league and breakfast club.

Mr. Brumbaugh was a active member of the community, the owner of Brumbaugh's Florist, a proud member of Sharpsville United Methodist Church, a member of the Liberty Township Advisory Board since 1982, the current treasurer and past president of the Sharpsville Lions Club and the current president of the Tipton County Historical Society.

He combined his love of history and his love of travel with a passion for genealogy. He studied his family's roots and recently returned from a trip to Brombach, Germany, the home of his ancestors. His other travels included Spain, Mexico, France, Switzerland and Scotland.

His interests also included sports, as a lifelong fan of Chicago Cubs baseball, Notre Dame football, Indiana University basketball and Tri-Central High School sports, especially wrestling. He supported Little League as a father, coach and team sponsor.

He touched many lives as a teacher, community leader and proud family member with his smile, humor and love.

He was born Dec. 21, 1940, in Huntington to Mark and Zedda Brumbaugh. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Jolynn; two sons and daughters-in-law, Les and Jennifer and Grady and Jennifer; a granddaughter, Cheyenne, and a grandson who is expected in June.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Kay Brumbaugh.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Sharpsville United Methodist Church. Pastor Richard Lych will officiate.

Calling will be today from 2-9 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Sharpsville United Methodist Church.

Boyer Funeral Home of Sharpsville is handling arrangements.

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Willie Shipman

AVILLA — Willie Shipman, 81, of Avilla died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Kendallville Manor Health Care.

Mrs. Shipman

Mrs. Shipman was a homemaker and was affiliated with the Assembly of God Church.

She was born May 12, 1925, in Miami, Okla., to Jesse and Opal (Johnson) Blair. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jeanne and Robert Botts of Avilla and Debbie and David Staggs of Patterson, Calif.; a brother, Leroy Blair of Miami, Okla.; six grandchildren and their spouses, Robbi and Tom Evan, Marty and Tina Botts, Rick and Nikki Botts, Lori and Tony Paulsen, Scott Albro and Nikki Albro; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Shipman was preceded in death by a brother, four sisters, and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville. John DiMarzio from the Southwinds Church of Christ, Fort Wayne, will officiate.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Grove, Okla., at a later date.

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DEFIANCE, Ohio — Belva . Latchaw, 92, of Defiance lied at 7:09 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Defiance Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Latchaw was a registered nurse and had formerly worked at Defiance Hospital.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Defiance.

She was born Aug. 13, 1914, in Continental, Ohio, to Eugene and Cora (Zimmerman) Hall. She married Charles K. Latchaw in 1937. He died in 1969.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles E. and Nancy Latchaw of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Joanne and Douglas Parker of Defiance; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, 529 Jefferson Ave., Defiance, with the Rev. Thomas Steensma officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Defiance.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mastmock-hoffman.com.

Kenton Baker

STROH — Kenton Keith Baker, 60, of Stroh died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in Indianapolis.

Mr. Baker was a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the Army. He was a Stroh resident and made many lifelong friends in the area.

He was born July 3, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Cecil A. and Berniece R. (Opliger) Baker.

He married Jeannie Baker in 1979.

Surviving are his mother, Berniece R. Goodin of Warsaw; a daughter and son-in-law, Joie Marie and Mark Brady of Lincoln Park, Mich.; a son, Scott Andrew Baker of Lincoln Park, Mich.; two granddaughters, Madyson Marie Brady and Le Hanna Baker of Lincoln Park, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Nickey and Jo Baker of Belton, Texas; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Sherry and Glen Yoder of Warsaw; Carol and Gene Bosworth of Angola, and Lana and Mike Anderson of New Haven; and a stepbrother and his wife, Kim and Joyce Goodin of Fort Wayne.

Military graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Reed Cemetery at Stroh.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R, 56, Garrett.

To sign a guest book or send a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Adeline Reedy

KENDALLVILLE — Adeline Reedy, 81, died Sunday, March 25, 2007.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Leonard Koon

FINDLAY, Ohio — Leonard L. Koon, 66, of Findlay died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Blanchard Valley Health Center.

Mr. Koon was a truck driver and served as a minister at a Findlay church and evangelized.

He had served as a private in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Koon was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 24, 1940, to Frank and Vivian (Opdycke) Koon. He married Patricia Claus on Dec. 12, 1968, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Tonya Koon of Denton, Texas, and Phil Koon of Findlay; three sisters and a brother-in-law: Phyllis and John Warner of Englewood, Fla., Dorothy Clark of Decatur, Ala. and Harriet Rose of Columbia City.; and two grandchildren, PJ Koon of Findlay and Anthony Koon of Vaughsville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Christina.

Services were today at Routson Funeral Chapel in Findlay.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors in information provided to the funeral home.*

Virginia Anspaugh

ANGOLA — Virginia Louise Anspaugh, 79, of Angola died Thursday, March 22, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was a supervisor at Electric Cord Sets, and retired in 1989. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, playing cards and fishing with a cane pole.

Mrs. Anspaugh was born Dec. 31, 1917, in Grayson, Ky., to Frank and Clara Bell Grayson. She was married to Charles H. Anspaugh Jr. in 1943, and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Nancy Anspaugh of Angola and David and Charlotte Anspaugh of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter, Carol Ann Anspaugh of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Ginny and Mark Houlton of Angola, Janie and Mitch Robinson and Andy Anspaugh, all of Sevierville, Tenn., George and Tina Anspaugh of Fremont, Charley and Beth Sneadker of Jacksonville, Fla., Andy Yeither of Huntington and Petra and Sean Gorman of Fort Wayne; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and her stepmother, Duna Grayson; a grandson, Frank Anspaugh Jr. in 1986; three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Adam Sidler officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

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Marilyn Fulk

CHURUBUSCO — Marilyn J. Fulk, 73, of Churubusco died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a week-long illness.

Mrs. Fulk

Mrs. Fulk was a homemaker. She was a member of Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1951.

She was born April 17, 1933, in Green Township, Noble County, to Tonny and Venus E. (Herron) Geiger. They preceded her in death.

She married Tom L. Fulk on May 28, 1982, in Churubusco. He survives.

Also surviving are four children and their spouses, Max L. and Sandy Herendeen of Columbia City, Teresa and Mike Byram of Columbia City, Terry Herendeen of Churubusco, and Mary Lou and Bill Vaught of Churubusco; seven stepchildren and their spouses, Vaughn and Tina Fulk of Columbia City, Erin and Mike Sneary of Avilla, Allison Kessinger of Churubusco, Vincent Fulk of Churubusco, Amy and Lee Tilbury of Avilla, Virgil and Jeni Fulk of Columbia City, and Christi and Perry Coe of Churubusco; seven brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Joan Geiger of Hernando, Miss., Bill and Wavelin Geiger of Arizona, C.L. "Pete" and Chris Geiger of Marysville, Ohio, Larry and Kathy Geiger of Phoenix, Ariz., Jim and Diane Geiger of Churubusco, Roger "Hump" and Barbara Geiger of Phoenix, Ariz., and Richard "Louie" and Valerie Geiger of Churubusco; 29 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Duane, Glenn, J.D. "Jake," Don and Gerald.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Edward A. Thompson officiating. Burial will follow be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco High School baseball team.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Darryl Owen

ALBION — Darryl Jay Owen was stillborn Saturday, March 24, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn to Tricia Trowbridge and Joseph Stover, both of Albion.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

John Gehring

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Memorial services for John Harold Gehring of St. Petersburg, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church on Waits Road, Kendallville.

Mr. Gehring

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Pastor Robert Farmer will officiate. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with military graveside services by Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Mr. Gehring, 63, died Friday, March 16, 2007, at St. Petersburg.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1962 and served as a Green Beret in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Gehring was an avid reader and sports fan. He loved to fish and cook.

He was born in Adrian, Mich., on Dec. 30, 1943, to Robert Claude and Gretta Mae (Lehner) Gehring.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon Anderson of Kendallville and Roberta and Jack Frederick of Kendallville; his nieces and nephews, Cindy Probst of Fort Wayne, Elizabeth and Fred Grant of South Milford, Michael and Tammy Probst of Kendallville, Becky Probst of Kendallville, Kim and Kirk Sabrosky of Fort Wayne, Paula Sprunger of Topeka, and Arthur Frederick of Fort Wayne; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews

Memorials are to the East Noble High School Athletic Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ovid Bond Jr.

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Ovid L. Bond Jr., 60, of Apache Junction died Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Bond had lived in Arizona the past 20 years and was a heavy duty equipment operator for Pinal County.

He was a member of the Superstition Horsemen's Association (SHA). He had served as master caterer for SHA events and parade chairman.

Mr. Bond was a 1966 graduate of Lakeland High School and a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He was born Feb. 14, 1947, in LaGrange to Ovid L. and Virginia (Caldwell) Bond. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Bob Moore of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Nikki Bond of Howe; four grandchildren, Nick and Brady Moore of LaGrange and Aspen and Ryker Bond of Howe; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Jeanne and Dennis Parnaby of Tennessee, Nancy and Phil Murphy of Shipshewana and Rita and Denny Lehner of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ginger Lee.

Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at First Church of God in LaGrange.

Calling will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Eunice Routsong

LIGONIER — Eunice Routsong, 91, of Ligonier and formerly of Mongo died Monday, March 26, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Routsong had resided in Noble and LaGrange counties all of her life.

She retired from United Technologies in Topeka.

Mrs. Routsong was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church.

She was born March 29, 1915, in Mongo to Daniel and Mary Alice (Campbell) Garlets. She married George W. Routsong on Feb. 1, 1941. He died Sept. 21, 1986.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Julie Routsong of Wawaka, Mary and Ronald Anthony of Woodburn, Carol Jean and Pablo Arellano of Coral Springs, Fla., and Gale and Paul Riley of Fort Wayne a son, Dan C. and Joan Routsong of Albion; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Lelia Nelson, Goldie Spears and Lucille Heign; and a brother, Peter Garlets.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Tews officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Brazel

Mrs. Brazel

CROMWELL — Evelyn Laverne Brazel, 78, of Cromwell died at 2:45 a.m. Monday, March 26, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Brazel was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and assisted her husband on the family farm.

Mrs. Brazel loved to read and spend time with her dog.

She attended Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

Mrs. Brazel was born March 5, 1929, in Cissna Park, Ill., to Raymond and Helen (Ward) Sloan. She married Melvin A. Brazel on Aug. 25, 1946, in Albion. He died June 14, 2006.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Darlene Brazel of Cromwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Mike Albaugh and Donna Sue "Susie" and Larry Culp, all of Cromwell; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Sloan Jr. and Elmer Sloan; and a sister, Shirley Craighead.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Home Health Care and Hospice.

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Adeline Reedy

ROME CITY — Adeline Veronica Reedy, 81, of Rome City died Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Reedy was born in South Bend on Aug. 20, 1925, to Stanley and Cecilia (Zelasko) Golichowski.

She graduated from Washington High School in South Bend in 1943 and married Lawrence J. Reedy on July 21, 1945, in Elkhart. Her husband preceded her death in May 1997.

She was employed with Durakool Inc. of Elkhart for 36 years and was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo where, in the latter part of her life, she was involved with her church friends and Bible study.

She loved to watch sports of all kinds and was a very good bowler. She enjoyed gardening, cleaning her home and was a good cook. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren and doing crossword puzzles.

Surviving are a son, Richard Reedy of Ann Arbor, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and George Miller of Fort Wayne and Donna and Craig Anderson of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Henrietta and Joseph Grohowski of South Bend; a brother, Stanley Golichowski of Portage, Mich.; five grandchildren, Todd Ernsberger and Brian Ernsberger, both of Fort Wayne, Amy Cartegena and Michael Anderson, both of Elkhart, and Donald Miller of Avilla; and four great-grandchildren, Kayla Ernsberger of Kendallville and Mali Contreras, Erika Cartegena and Giovanni Cartegena, all of Elkhart.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Golichowski.

Services will be at 1 p.m. ~~Friday at New Hope Christian~~ Center, Waterloo, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Todd Ernsberger, Brian Ernsberger, Donald Miller, Kayla Ernsberger, Michael Anderson, Amy Cartegena and Raul Cartegena.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

View a video tribute (by Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Gracie Pranger

WATERLOO — Gracie Mac Pranger, 4 months old, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 25, 2007.

She was born Nov. 13, 2006, in Auburn to Gabriel and Minde (Lewis) Pranger. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are three sisters and a brother, Leah, Ally, Josie and Gabriel Pranger, all at home; her grandparents, Joe and Anne Pranger of Kendallville and Mike and Sandy Lewis of Corunna; and her great-grandmothers, Anna Mae Rediger of Auburn and Ruth M. Lewis of Auburn.

Private family graveside services will be today at 1 p.m. in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating.

Memorials are to A New and Living Way Ministries, P.O. Box 259, Ashley, IN 46705.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct the time of services.*

Berniece Thompson

ALBION — Berniece Thompson, 87, of Albion died at 5 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Thompson was a lifetime area resident. She was a 1937 graduate of Pontiac High School in Pontiac, Mich., and 1939 graduate of Tri-State University.

She had served as secretary to a former Tri-State University president, worked on the rationing board during World War II and had been employed at the Federal Land Bank of Albion.

Mrs. Thompson had been a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion for more than 57 years. She was also a member of American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary in Albion.

She was born July 15, 1919, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Emory W. and Florence (Eldridge) Strater. She married Ernest M. Thompson on Dec. 14, 1940, at her home near Sweet Lake. He died March 12, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lynne and Vivian Thompson of Ossian and Benjamin and Christine Thompson of Avilla; a daughter, Jannie S. Rhodes of Mentone; a brother and sister-in-law, Max and June Strater of Chetek, Wis.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

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Cleties Murphy Jr.

KIMMELL — Cleties Murphy Jr., 83, of rural Kimmell died at 12:19 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Murphy was a farmer.

As a young boy, his family moved to the Cromwell area. He completed his education at Cromwell High School. He and his wife made their home on a farm just outside of Kimmell, moving to their present home in 1978.

Mr. Murphy was a member of First Pilgrim Holiness Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 2, 1923, in Demumd, Morgan County, Ky., to Cleties and Nora (Halsey) Murphy. He married Betty Baker on April 14, 1952. She died March 7, 2002.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Vivian Murphy of Pierceton and Roy and Alice Murphy of Coldwater, Mich.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Annie Mae and Carl Till of New Haven, Rosellyn McGinnis of Fort Wayne, and Carol and Ron Harris of LaOtto; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three infant children, Noreen and twins Perry and Jerry; a brother, Garrad Murphy; and three sisters, Elizabeth Simon, Alice Gaff and Bessie Stabler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Kenneth Christy of First Pilgrim Holiness Church officiaiting. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

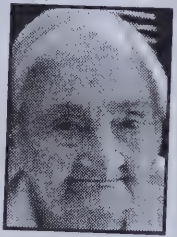
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional relatives.*

Dorothy Devlin

LAGRANGE — Dorothy M. Devlin, 91, of LaGrange died at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Devlin was a homemaker and had worked at Shadow Interiors until she retired.

She enjoyed crocheting and fishing.


Mrs. Devlin

Mrs. Devlin was the valedictorian of the Mongo High School class of 1933.

She was born Nov. 17, 1915, in Mongo to Harley and Edna (Gochenaur) Haag. She married James L. Devlin on Aug. 31, 1935. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Linda Devlin of Howe, William and Bonnie Devlin of Independence, Kan., and Duane and Zonnie Devlin of Ocala, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Tom Weiss of Munfordville, Ky.; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Janet and Harvey Miller of Plato, Janette Sisson of LaGrange, Phyllis and Don Wilson of Woodburn and Margie and John Day of Ontario; a brother and sister-in-law, Dean and Delores Haag of Marcellus, Mich.; a sister-in-law and her husband, Shirley and Bud Hagg of Mongo; 18 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield Sr. officiating. Burial will be in English Prairie Cemetery at Brighton.

Condolences are to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Dorothy Post

AUBURN — Dorothy A. Post, 79, of Auburn died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She received a B.A.E. degree from the University of Mississippi in 1948 and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois in 1966.

Mrs. Post was a 60-year member of Alpha Psi of Delta Gamma Social Fraternity and Tau Kappa Alpha Honorary Forensic Fraternity.

She was born April 30, 1927, at Methodist Hospital in Hattiesburg, Miss., to Malcolm Osten and Heland Irving Dougall.

She married Paul Emil Post on Dec. 1, 1973. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three stepchildren and their spouses, Darrell and Marilyn Post of Churubusco, Ken and Diane Post of Fort Wayne and Paula Post and Tom Hutton of North Carolina; six grandchildren and their spouses, Randy and Tricia Post, Adam and Michelle Post, Chad Post, Kurt and Faith Post, Kara Post, Katie Post and David Pranger; and three great-grandchildren, Matthias Post, Maria Post and Mikaela Post.

Private family services took place Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father Mark Gurtner officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Andrew Haudenschild

Mr. Haudenschild

FORT WAYNE — Andrew F. Haudenschild, 95, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 26, 2007, at Byron Health Center.

Mr. Haudenschild was a wire drawer at Essex Wire until his retirement in 1977. He also was a school bus driver for Fort Wayne Community Schools from 1953 to 1977. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Sugar Grove Church of God.

He was born March 24, 1912, in Fort Wayne to Casper and Sarah (Miller) Haudenschild.

He married Thelma Cook on Nov. 23, 1938. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Marllene Haudenschild of Fort Wayne; a grandson, five great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandsons, three stepgreat-great-granddaughters and a brother, Robert Haudenschild of Tulare, Calif.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A graveside service will be Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Prairie Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Darryl Owen

ALBION — Darryl Jay Owen was stillborn at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn to Joseph Stover and Tricia Trowbridge, both of Albion.

Also surviving are maternal grandparents, Walter Trowbridge Jr. of Kendallville and Julia Trowbridge of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Ruth and Del Owen of Albion; maternal great-grandparents, Walter Sr. and Patricia Trowbridge of Kendallville; paternal great-grandparents, Raymond Heileman Sr. of Albion and Barbara Owen of Albion; five aunts, Jessica Stover, Jacquline Stover, Harley Owen, Hannah Owen and Sherinda Trowbridge; and an uncle, Walter Trowbridge III.

He was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, Darryl Owen; a paternal great-grandmother, Roberta Heileman; maternal great-great-grandparents, John and Olive Gieseking; and a cousin, Mason Trowbridge.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with Craig Myers and Benny Archer officiating. Pallbearers will be Del Owen, Walter Trowbridge Jr., Walter Trowbridge Sr. and Mike Allmack.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Garland Hart

CHURUBUSCO — Garland V. Hart, 85, of Churubusco and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 3:55 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2007, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Hart was a resident of Miller's Merry Manor and had been hospitalized a few days.

He had retired in 1982 from American Hoist in Fort Wayne where he had been a lead man. He had spent most of his adult life in Fort Wayne and had moved to Churubusco in 2000.

Mr. Hart served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Normandy, northern France, the Rhineland, central Europe and the Ardennes. He received five Bronze Stars with bronze arrowhead, the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

He was born July 10, 1921, in Fort Wayne to John E. and Anna (Aurand) Hart. He married Wanda L. Kumfer on Feb. 16, 1946, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Cathy Hart of Churubusco and Roger and Leslie Hart of Warsaw; a daughter, Debbie Hart of Fort Wayne; a brother, Cletus Hart of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Hart and Tom Hart, and two sisters, Eva Crow and Marcile Minor.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Burial with military graveside services will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to Churubusco American Legion Post 157 or Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846.

Condolences are to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

James Brown

Mr. Brown

FORT WAYNE — James F. Brown, 80, of Fort Wayne died at 3 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown lived several years in the Huntington and Markle areas, moving to Allen County in 1977.

He retired in 1980 after 30 years of service as a machinist with Dana Corp.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1945 to 1946.

Mr. Brown was a member of American Legion Post 499 and Allied Industrial Workers of America.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1926, in Warsaw to Ralph E. and Mary Ethel (Atchison) Brown.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary J. and Debbie Brown of Huntington, two daughters and a son-in-law, Sheryl A. and William Rea and Cindy E. Hubbartt, all of Huntington; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty J. and Bert Newell of Fort Wayne, Alice J. Hughes of Bryon, Ohio, and Helen I. and David Grubb of Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gregory K. Brown; an infant great-grandchild; six brothers, Albert E., Richard R., Donald W., Jerry L., Norman E., and Roger L. Brown; three sisters, Emmajean Louise and Hazel M. Brown and Shirley A. Brudi, and his companion, Glenys M. Podrasky.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with the Rev. Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Graveside military rites by Whitley County Korean War Veterans and burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

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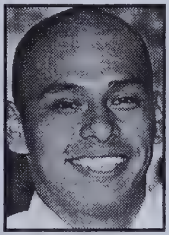
Santos Trevino

AUBURN — Santos F. Trevino, 28, died Wednesday, March 21, 2007.


Mr. Trevino

Mr. Trevino was born Nov. 23, 1978, in Florida. He moved to Auburn in 2001.

He is survived by his parents, William and Angie Cable; his son, Gabriel L. Trevino; two brothers, William Cable Jr. and Michael Cable; and four sisters, Sally Cable, Robin Burnette, Sunshine Hackney and Monica Cable

A memorial service will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Auburn Baptist Church, 500 W. Ensley Ave., Auburn.

Willie Shipman

AVILLA — E-mail condolences for the family of Willie Shipman of Avilla may be sent to www.davidfuneralhome.net.

Mrs. Shipman died Saturday, March 24, 2007.

Her funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at David Funeral Home, 1292 Drake Road, Kendallville.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Grove, Okla., at a later date.

Michael Yoder

BUTLER — Michael Yoder, 43, died Sunday, March 25, 2007, at his home in Butler.

Born in Portland, he worked at Peoplelink in Auburn. He was a handyman and enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Teresa Koehl Yoder of Butler; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeremy and April Busche of Rushville and Jason Wilt and Eric Yoder, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Berta Rogers of Fort Wayne; his mother, Patricia Smith of Fort Wayne; his stepfather, Daniel L. Smith of Tennessee; a grandmother, Katherine Murphy of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Megan Kapp and Alexis Kapp, both of Butler; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wesley and Ruthie Yoder and Daniel P. and Nicole Smith, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Michelle Mitchel of Avilla and Lisa Yoder of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. The Rev. John L. Blair will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Pamela Zentz

BUTLER — Pamela S. Zentz, 61, of Butler died Monday, March 26, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Zentz was a homemaker and a loving mother.

She was born Feb. 13, 1946, in Auburn to Clarence and Theresa (Meyer) Zentz. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jaisen and Amanda Zentz of Ridgeway, S.C.; and her former husband, Larry Schlosser of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Justin Fisher officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

L.B. Neeley

WATERLOO — L.B. Neeley, 78, died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Gerald Schmidt

LAGRANGE — Gerald J. Schmidt, 83, of LaGrange died at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Berniece Thompson, 87

Berniece Thompson, age 87, lifetime resident of the Albion area, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2007. She was a resident of the Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier, IN.

Berniece was born in Jefferson Twp., Noble County, IN on July 15, 1919 to Emory W. and Florence (Eldridge) Strater. Both parents are deceased.

She graduated in 1937 from Pontiac High School in Michigan and then graduated in 1939 from Tri-State University.

She married Ernest M. Thompson on December 14, 1940 at her home near Sweet Lake. Mr. Thompson died March 12, 2002. They had been married 61 years.

She was Secretary to President Handy of Tri-State University, worked the rationing board during WW2 and worked at the Federal Land Bank of Albion.

Berniece was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion for over 57 years and the American Legion Post 246 Auxiliary of Albion.

Survivors include: two sons and one daughter; Lynn (Vivian) Thompson of Ossian, IN; Benjamin D. (Christine) Thompson of Avilla, IN and Jannie S. Rhodes of Mentone, IN., nine Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren and one brother Max (June) Strater of Chetek, WI.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ernest and one daughter Sally.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007 at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel.

Services will be Friday, March 30, 2007 at 10 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will take place at the Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, IN

CLETIES MURPHY, JR., 83

KIMMELL – Cleties Murphy Jr., 83, a resident of rural Kimmell, died at 12:19 a.m., Sunday, March 25, 2007 at his home.

He was born December 2, 1923 in Demumd, Morgan County, Kentucky, a son of Cleties and Nora (Halsey) Murphy. As a young boy, his family moved to the Cromwell area. He completed his education at Cromwell High School.

On April 14, 1952, he was united in marriage to Betty Baker. They have always made their home on a farm just outside of Kimmell, moving to the present home on the the farm in 1978. Mrs. Murphy died March 7, 2002.

A farmer, he was a member of First Pilgrim Holiness Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving relatives include two brothers, Charles (Vivian) Murphy of Pierceton and Roy (Alice) Murphy of Coldwater, Michigan; four sisters, Annie Mae (Carl) Till of New Haven, Rosellyn McGinnis of Fort Wayne, and Carol (Ron) Harris of LaOtto; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by three infant children, Noreen and twins, Perry and Jerry; a brother, Garrad Murphy; and two sisters, Elizabeth Simon, Alice Gaff and Bessie Stabler.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 30, 2007, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Pastor Kenneth Christy, pastor of First Pilgrim Holiness Church, officiating. The burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to First Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Adeline Veronica Reedy, 81

KENDALLVILLE - Adeline Veronica Reedy, age 81, of Rome City, died on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Reedy was born in South Bend on August 20, 1925 to Stanley and Cecilia (Zelasko) Golichowski.

Her parents preceded her in death.

She graduated from Washington High School in South Bend in 1943 and married Lawrence J. Reedy on July 21, 1945 in Elkhart, Indiana. Her husband preceded her death in May 1997.

She was employed with Durakool, Inc. of Elkhart for 36 years and was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo where, in the latter part of life, was involved with her church friends and Bible study.

She loved to watch sports of all kinds and was a fantastic bowler. She loved to garden and clean house and was a good cook. She also loved spending time with her grandkids and crossword puzzles.

Survivors include: one son, Richard Reedy of Ann Arbor, Michigan; two daughters and son-in-laws, Pamela and George Miller of Fort Wayne, Donna and Craig Anderson of Elkhart; five grandchildren: Todd Ernsberger of Fort Wayne, Brian Ernsberger of Fort Wayne, Amy Cartegena of Elkhart, and Michael Anderson of Elkhart, and Donald Miller of Avilla; four great grandchildren: Kayla Ernsberger of Kendallville, Mali Contreras of Elkhart, Erika Cartegena of Elkhart and Giovanni Cartegena of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Henrietta and Joseph Grohowski of South Bend; a brother, Stanley Golichowski of Portage, Michigan.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Golichowski.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 29, 2007, from 5:00-8:00 pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Friday, March 30, 2007 at 1:00 pm at New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Ralph Diehl.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to New Hope Christian Center of Waterloo.

Casketbearers will be Todd Ernsberger, Brian Ernsberger, Donald Miller, Kayla Ernsberger, Michael Anderson, Amy Cartegena, Raul Cartegena.

View a video tribute (by Wednesday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Heidi Taylor, 38

KENDALLVILLE – Heidi Taylor, age 38, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 22, 2007 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born in Kendallville on October 23, 1968 and raised by Reed and Mary Beth (Wagner) Taylor.

She collected wizards and dragons, coins and stamps.

Survivors include: one daughter, Cassie Taylor of Kendallville; one brother, Billy Jefferies of Auburn; one sister, Marie Nelson of Wolcottville; two sisters-in-law, Dorine Fuller of Kendallville and Christina Fuller of Albion; two brothers-in-law, Craig Nelson of Wolcottville and Wesley Fuller of Kendallville; an uncle and aunt, Robert and Elsa Wagner of Huntertown; a cousin, Jodi Zimmerman of Fort Wayne; nephews, Zachary and Brandon Case of Wolcottville; nieces, Amber Case and Keera Nelson of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Beth Taylor.

There was a gathering of family and friends Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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Marilyn J. Fulk, 73

Marilyn J. Fulk, age 73, a resident of Churubusco, Indiana for most all of her life died Saturday, March 24, 2007 in the Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne following an illness of one week.

She was a member of the Good News Baptist Church in Fort Wayne and was a graduate of Churubusco High School with the class of 1951.

Marilyn, was born on April 17, 1933 in Green Twp. in Noble County, Indiana a daughter of the late Tony and Venus E. (Herron) Geiger. She was united in marriage on May 28, 1982 in Churubusco to Tom L. Fulk, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband Tom, her children, Max L. (Sandy) Herendeen, Teresa (Mike) Byram both of Columbia City, Terry Herendeen and Mary Lou (Bill) Vaught both of Churubusco, step-children Vaughn (Tina) Fulk of Columbia City, Erin (Mike) Sneary of Avilla, Allison Kessinger, Vincent Fulk both of Churubusco, Amy (Lee) Tilbury of Avilla, Virgil (Jeni) Fulk of Columbia City, Christi (Perry) Coe of Churubusco, brothers, Jack (Joan) Geiger of Hernando, Miss., Bill (Wavelin) Geiger of Arizona, C.L. “Pete” (Chris) Geiger of Marysville, Ohio, Larry (Kathy) Geiger of Phoenix, Arizona, Jim (Diane) Geiger of Churubusco, Roger “Hump’”” (Barbara) Geiger of Phoenix Arizona and Richard “Louie” (Valerie) Geiger of Churubusco, 29 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by five brothers, Duane, Glenn, Tad, Don and Gerald.

Funeral services were held March 28, 2007 at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Pastor Edward A. Thompson officiated.

Burial took place at the Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 28, 2007, Wednesday

John H. "Stub" Schermerhorn, age 88

KENDALLVILLE – John H. "STUB" Schermerhorn, age 88, of Wawaka, died on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mr. Schermerhorn was born in Orange Township, Noble County, Indiana on October 31, 1918 to John M. and Edna (Miller) Schermerhorn, Sr. and lived his entire life on the family farm.

He graduated from Rome City High School in 1936 attended University of Wisconsin in Madison to study an agriculture short course.

He married Mary A. Gilbert on December 3, 1939 in Elkhart Township, Noble County.

Mr. Schermerhorn was a lifetime farmer and agriculture seed salesman.

He was elected to several terms on both the Noble County Council and as a Noble County Commissioner.

Mr. Schermerhorn was an active member of the Noble County Republican Party and a longtime member of the Noble County Fair Board and the Noble County Farm Bureau Co-Op.

He was a member of Brimfield United Methodist Church where he was superintendent of the Sunday School and a Trustee.

He loved family activities, his coffee shop friends, talking and visiting with people and travelling adventures with dear friends Harold and Virginia Frick.

Mr. Schermerhorn loved nature and the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping.

He had a great love of sports.

Survivors include: his wife of 67 years, Mary Schermerhorn of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Paula Schermerhorn of Ligonier, J. David and Sue Ann Schermerhorn of Sylvan Lake, Rome City, Larry and Becky Schermerhorn of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jerry Cunningham of Ligonier, Mary Jean and Roy Brostrand of Atlanta, Georgia;19 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren; one sister, Mary Stevens of Angola

He was preceded in death by his brother, Robert W. Schermerhorn, who died in WWII; sister, Margaret McWilliams; and a great granddaughter.

Visitation was Sunday, March 25, 2007, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services were Monday, March 26, 2007 at Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Maureen Mauzy and Rev. Omer Nisley.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Community Foundation - John and Mary Schermerhorn Memorial Scholarship or the Brimfield United Methodist Church.

Casketbearers were Gregg Cunningham, Tim Schermerhorn, Mark Schermerhorn, Tom Schermerhorn, Dave Schermerhorn, Nate Schermerhorn, Andrew Brostrand, John Michael Schermerhorn, and Jeff Schermerhorn.

View a video tribute (by Friday) or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 29, 2007, Thursday

Gordon Henney

Dessie Henney

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for Gordon T. Henney and Dessie M. "Sue" Henney will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the chapel at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Mr. Henney died May 24, 2002, at age 99.

He was a lifetime area resident and had retired after 20 years of service with No-Sag in Kendallville.

He was born March 31, 1903, in Kendallville to Jacob Phillip and Eva (Ritter) Henney.

Mrs. Henney died Jan. 1, 2007, at age 95.

Mrs. Henney retired after more than 37 years at McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 22, 1909, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Lake William and Maude Udella (Wilson) Kizer.

The couple were married Nov. 21, 1943, in Kendallville and were members of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Mr. Henney was a member of the IOOF Lodge 316 in Kendallville and Mrs. Henney was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Kendallville.

Surviving the couple are two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Lawrence Raffo of Burlingame, Calif., and Marsha Henney of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Mr. Henney is also survived by a sister, Harriet Thompson of Stockton, Calif.

Mrs. Henney is also survived by a sister, Bettie Smith of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Elaine Kizer of Auburn; and a brother-in-law, Howard Seidel of Kendallville.

Mr. Henney was preceded in death by two brothers, Pete Henney in 1995 and Corwin Henney in 1993.

Mrs. Henney was preceded in death by two brothers, Ariel Kizer and Thomas Kizer, and a sister, Scottie Seidel.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

L.B. Neeley

Mr. Neeley

WATERLOO — L.B. Neeley, 78, of Waterloo died Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee, Fla.

Mr. Neeley worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, retiring in 1984. He was a member and deacon at the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo.

He was born March 1, 1929, in Knott County, Ky., to John and Rhoda (Manns) Neeley. They preceded him in death.

He married Dana Shepherd on Nov. 5, 1949, in Prestonburg, Ky. She died July 26, 1990.

He married Gracie (Crager) Dangler on March 29, 1992, at the Freewill Baptist Church of Waterloo, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Leona Neeley of Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Wilma Sutton of Hudson and Judy and JR Sexton of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Don and Betty Dangler of South Milford; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Sherry and Jamal Anabtawi of Fort Wayne and Susan and Mitchell Kruse of Auburn; two sisters, Ollie Roberts of Columbia City and Myrtle Engle of Fort Wayne; and many grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Rex Dangler.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Freewill Baptist Church, 2833 C.R. 27, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pisgah Cemetery at Stroh.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Freewill Baptist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 29, 2007, Thursday

Milton Myers

AUBURN — Milton James Myers, 88, of Auburn, died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Myers served his country as a mechanic in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was very proud to have flown the "Hump," a risky and vital supply route over the Himalayan Mountains from India to China, during his time there.

Upon his return from the military, he worked for International Harvester in For Wayne until 1957. He then worked for the County Line Cheese Co. in rural Auburn. Mr. Myers became supervisor of the plant's new prepack division in 1964. He retired when Beatrice Foods closed the plant. He enjoyed the annual deer hunting trips to Wyoming with the County Line employees.

Mr. Myers was born March 3, 1919, to Perry and Ola (Bishop) Myers on the family farm in rural Auburn. They preceded him in death.

In 1976, he received a Hoosier Homestead plaque honoring his family for 100 years of continuous ownership of the farm.

On Nov. 26, 1958, he married Florine D. Glass in Auburn. She died March 9, 2005.

Surviving are a sister, Orpha Weller of Garrett; and 19 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Naomi Carnahan and Bernice Schowe.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Larry Weller officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Henry Williamson

SPENCERVILLE — Henry H. Williamson Sr., 75, of Spencerville died Sunday, March 25, 2007, at his home in Spencerville.

Born in Garland City, Ariz., Mr. Williamson was a tool grinder at Zollner Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1987. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of Cornerstone Church and the Zollner Quarter Century Club. He enjoyed bingo, hunting and fishing and loved nature.

Surviving are two sons, Henry H. Williamson Jr. of Spencerville and Rickie L. Williamson Sr. of Auburn; three daughters, Debra D. Koch of St. Joe, Konnie S. Prentice of Butler and Tina L. Pepe of Ossian; 25 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy M., two brothers, James T. and John W. Williamson, and a sister, Agnes Hickman.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor H. Dean Woolard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home and

Memorials are to Cornerstone Church.

Jerry DeLong

FORT WAYNE — Jerry A. DeLong, 59, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. DeLong was a social worker with the Indiana Department of Corrections Northeast Indiana Juvenile Detention Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of American Legion Post 499. He was a graduate of the University of St. Francis and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

He was born in Hicksville, Ohio.

Surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Jessica and Eric Easton of Indianapolis, Amanda DeLong of Fort Wayne and Emily DeLong of Grabill; a grandson, Michael; his mother, Eloise DeLong of Garrett; and a sister, Susan Smoots of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his father, George.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Chaplain Karen Kosberg will officiate. Burial will be in White City Cemetery in Spencerville, with military graveside rites.

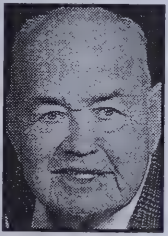
Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 29, 2007, Thursday

Gerald Schmidt

LAGRANGE — Gerald J. Schmidt, 83, of LaGrange died at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.


Mr. Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt moved to LaGrange in 1967 where he and his wife owned and operated Lewis Mobile Home Park. He retired in 1989 and turned operation of the park over to his son, John.

He had previously worked as a tool and die maker for Bulldog and General Motors in Ohio.

Mr. Schmidt served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He received the American Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon.

He was a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schmidt enjoyed gardening.

He was born July 14, 1923, in Milford Center, Ohio, to Fred J. and Llydia C. (Berger) Schmidt. He married Elsie Jorgensen on July 22, 1961, in Whittier, Calif. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Cindy Schmidt and Keith and Michele Schmidt, all of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Art Loschky of Marysville, Ohio; and five grandchildren, Alex and Allison Schmidt, Dalton and Heather Schmidt and Zac Stanley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Leo, Bernard and Glen Schmidt.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. James F. Simpson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity, Kidneeds or the Heifer Project.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a correction.*

Gracie Pranger

WATERLOO — Gracie Mae Pranger, 4 months old, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 25, 2007.

She was born Nov. 13, 2006, in Auburn to Gabriel and Minde (Lewis) Pranger. They survive in Waterloo.

Also surviving are three sisters and a brother, Leah, Ally, Josie and Gabriel Pranger, all at home; her grandparents, Joe and Anne Pranger of Kendallville and Mike and Sandy Lewis of Corunna; and her great-grandmothers, Anna Mae Rediger of Auburn and Ruth M. Lewis of Auburn.

Private family graveside services were conducted in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna, with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating.

Memorials are to A New and Living Way Ministries, P.O. Box 259, Ashley, IN 46705.

Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, is handling arrangements.

Rosalee Jones

FAIRFAX, Va. — Rosalee (Odie) Jones, 94, of Fairfax and formerly of Muncie and Fish Lake died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at a nursing home in Fairfax.

Mrs. Jones had moved to Fairfax in 1996 from Fish Lake. She had lived in the LaGrange area since 1972.

She was very active in many organizations including the LaGrange AARP chapter and a Homemaker Extension club.

Mrs. Jones collected wildflower specimens and gave presentations on them to many garden and horticulture groups. She gave her collection to the LaGrange County Nature Center located near her Fish Lake home.

She was skilled at needlework and won many ribbons at Corn School. She also enjoyed playing cards and will be remembered for her quick wit.

She was born March 27, 1912, in Peru. She and her first husband, Ramon Perry, were married in 1930. They had a daughter, Jo Ann, and divorced in 1950. She then married Glen Jones in 1958 and he died in 1996.

Surviving with her daughter Jo Ann in Fairfax are two grandchildren, Amanda Jones of Springfield, Va., and Christopher Jones of The Isle of Palms, S.C.; and a great-granddaughter, Kaitlynn Jones.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 29, 2007, Thursday

Ruth Hontz

KIMMELL — Ruth Elda Hontz, 92, of Kimmell died Friday, March 23, 2007, at The Oak Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Mrs. Hontz

Mrs. Hontz was a homemaker. She was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, where she served as a Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher.

She was also a member of the Washington Township Extension Homemakers Club and the Noble County Farm Bureau. Her interests included her family, her church, missionary ladies group, reading the Bible and other books, journaling, birds, flowers and politics.

She was born March 29, 1914, in Cass County, Mich., to Floyd and Chloe (Blanchard) Stillson. They preceded her in death.

She married Dale Hontz on Nov. 17, 1940, in Ormas, Ind. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Reva and Richard Edwards of Kimmell and Cyrena and Ray Hoffeditz of Pittsboro; one son, Steven Hontz of Kimmell; a son-in-law, Lew Wolfe of Ligonier; and two siblings, Marge Miller and Ward Stillson, both of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Claire; two grandsons; one great-grandson; and four brothers.

Services were Tuesday at the Ormas Baptist Church, Columbia City.

Burial was at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

J.A. Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Ormas Baptist Church

Ervin Miller

LIGONIER — Ervin A. Miller, 87, of Ligonier died at 2:15 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2007, at his home in Ligonier.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 17, 1920, in Haven, Kan., to Andy and Gertie (Miller) Miller. He married Lizzie Plank on Nov. 7, 1940, in Haven, Kan. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Harley and Esther Miller of Topeka, and William and Mary Miller of Shipshewana; six daughters and sons-in-law, Gertie and Sam Mast Jr. of Millersburg, Martha and Floyd Lehman of LaGrange, Vera and Glenn Troyer of Ligonier, Anna Yoder of Topeka, Edna and Alvin Hostetler of Ligonier and Betty and Elvie Miller of Ligonier; three brothers, William Miller of Topeka, Sam Miller of Goshen and Andy and Fannie Miller of Leon, Iowa; 77 grandchildren and 182 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, Mose Miller; and two sisters, Polly Bontranger and Elizabeth Fry.

Services were Monday at the family residence in Ligonier with Bishop Samuel Herschberger and the home ministers officiating. Burial was at Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Eunice Routsong

LIGONIER — Eunice Routsong, 91, of Ligonier and formerly of Mongo died Monday, March 26, 2007, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Routsong had resided in Noble and LaGrange counties all of her life.

She retired from United Technologies in Topeka.

Mrs. Routsong was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church.

She was born March 29, 1915, in Mongo to Daniel and Mary Alice (Campbell) Garlets. She married George W. Routsong on Feb. 1, 1941. He died Sept. 21, 1986.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Julie Routsong of Wawaka, Mary and Ronald Anthony of Woodburn, Carol Jean and Pablo Arellano of Coral Springs, Fla., and Gale and Paul Riley of Fort Wayne; a son, Dan C. and Joan Routsong of Albion; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Lelia Nelson, Goldie Spears and Lucille Heign; and a brother, Peter Garlets.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Tews officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
March 29, 2007, Thursday

Cleties Murphy Jr.

KIMMELL — Cleties Murphy Jr., 83, of rural Kimmell died at 12:19 a.m. Sunday, March 25, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Murphy was a farmer.

As a young boy, his family moved to the Cromwell area. He completed his education at Cromwell High School. He and his wife made their home on a farm just outside of Kimmell, moving to their present home in 1978.

Mr. Murphy was a member of First Pilgrim Holiness Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 2, 1923, in Demumd, Morgan County, Ky., to Cleties and Nora (Halsey) Murphy. He married Betty Baker on April 14, 1952. She died March 7, 2002.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Vivian Murphy of Pierceton and Roy and Alice Murphy of Coldwater, Mich.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Annie Mae and Carl Till of New Haven, Rosellyn McGinnis of Fort Wayne, and Carol and Ron Harris of LaOtto; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by three infant children, Noreen and twins Perry and Jerry; a brother, Garrad Murphy; and three sisters, Elizabeth Simon, Alice Gaff and Bessie Stabler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Pastor Kenneth Christy of First Pilgrim Holiness Church officiaiting. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Brazel

CROMWELL — Evelyn Laverne Brazel, 78, of Cromwell died at 2:45 a.m. Monday, March 26, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Brazel

Mrs. Brazel was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and assisted her husband on the family farm.

Mrs. Brazel loved to read and spend time with her dog.

She attended Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

Mrs. Brazel was born March 5, 1929, in Cissna Park, Ill., to Raymond and Helen (Ward) Sloan. She married Melvin A. Brazel on Aug. 25, 1946, in Albion. He died June 14, 2006.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Darlene Brazel of Cromwell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rosalie and Mike Albaugh and Donna Sue "Susie" and Larry Culp, all of Cromwell; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond Sloan Jr. and Elmer Sloan; and a sister, Shirley Craighead.

Services were held this morning at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, Ligonier, with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to Goshen Home Health Care and Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 30, 2007, Friday

Jose Flores

LIGONIER — Jose Flores, 69, of Ligonier died at 1:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Flores had moved to Ligonier 10 years ago from Mexico.

He had farmed in Mexico and Ligonier and was retired.

Mr. Flores was born Nov. 14, 1937, in Aguascallrentes Ags, Mexico, to Juan and Petra (Pedroza) Flores. They are deceased.

Surviving are eight sons, Juan Flores, Carlos Flores, Efren Flores, Ezequiel Flores, Carmela Flores, Reymund Flores, Jose Flores and Adrian Flores; four daughters, Esperanza Rodriguez, Elena Pazana, Eustolia Marmolejo and Margarita Pizana; 31 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel, in Ligonier.

Janet Owens

CHURUBUSCO — Janet Elizabeth Owens, 66, of Churubusco and formerly of Gilbert, Ariz., died at 12:20 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007, at her home. She had been in declining health the past two years.

Mrs. Owens

Mrs. Owens spent her formative years in South Bend and then lived most of her life in Stevenson, Calif., and Gilbert, Ariz., before moving to Churubusco two years ago.

She graduated from St. Joseph High School in South Bend and attended Holy Cross School of Nursing in South Bend.

She was born May 23, 1940, in Chicago to Frederick G. and Frances (McNamara) Bradley.

Surviving are her husband, Keith L. Owens; her children and their spouses, Anne and David McGourty of Valley Springs, Calif., Robert "Ben" and Belinda Geise of Churubusco, Bradley and Beth Geise of Chico, Calif., John and Stacy Geise of San Jose, Calif, Edward and Dana Geise of San Carlos, Calif., Lynn Geise and Paul Miller of Sacramento, Calif., Matthew Geise and Tina Chan of Fremont, Calif., Jason Geise-Owens of Gilbert, Kaitlyn Owens and Christopher Owens, both of Churubusco, and Lisa and Allen Barlow of Glendale, Ariz.; a brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Patricia Bradley of Mapleton, Utah; a sister, Joanne Martin of Gilbert; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Janine Geise in 1988; a brother, Norman Bradley; and a sister, Mary Catherine Schrader.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be after 1:15 p.m. Saturday at the church with a rosary at 1 p.m.

Memorials are to Ege Catholic Cemetery Fund in care of John Konger, 3701 S. C.R. 400E, Albion, IN 46701.

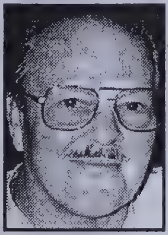
Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 30, 2007, Friday

Nelson Herney

ANGOLA — Nelson "Nelly" E. Herney, 74, of Angola died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at his home in Angola.


Mr. Herney

Mr. Herney had worked at Vestil Manufacturing of Angola for six years and worked at Con-Rail in Jackson, Mich., for nine years. He also trained and groomed horses for Don Trine for 10 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7205 of Angola, a member and former junior governor of a Moose Lodge in Wayne, Mich., and a member of the American Legion in Wheatfield. He enjoyed NASCAR, Dale Earnhardt, his garden, his boxer dogs and cooking.

He was born March 30, 1932, in Jackson, Mich., to Nelson and Francis (Breese) Herney. He married Robin Kaylor on Sept. 4, 1996, in Angola.

Surviving are his wife, two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis and Christine Herney of Hanover, Mich., and Ricky Nelson Herney of Jackson, Mich.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Brenda and Monta Strait of Jackson, Mich., Susan and Mike Muma of Albion, Mich., and Carol Goble of Concord, Mich.; a stepson and partner, James Emory and Michael Martin of Las Vegas; a stepdaughter and spouse, Jennifer and Ryan Paulson of Annapolis, Md.; two brothers, Frank Herney of San Diego and Arthur Herney of Morley, Mich.; two sisters, Delores Hoffman of Adrian, Mich., and Barbara Harris of Jackson, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, and a son-in-law, Don Goble.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola. Graveside services will be provided by the Angola V.F.W. and American Legion. There will be a gathering of friends and family at the 101 Lounge in Angola following the service.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to George Anspaugh VFW Post 7205 Building Fund.

Zephie Witcher

HARTSVILLE, Tenn. — Zephie E. Cook Witcher, 91, of Hartsville, Tenn., died Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at Quality Care Nursing Home in Lebanon, Tenn.

She was born April 23, 1915, in Jackson County, Tenn., to Will and Flossie Cook. She was married to Raymond H. Witcher for 65 years. He died Oct. 22, 1993.

She is survived by two daughters, Joyce Roddy of Angola and Sheila Dixon of Hartsville, Tenn.; five grandchildren and two spouses, Randy Roddy of Angola, Keith Roddy of Woodstock, Ga., Roger and Lucianna Roddy of Angola, Jennifer and Bill Bradshaw of Hartsville, Tenn., and John Dixon of Hartsville, Tenn.; nine great grandchildren, Tonya, Krystal and Joshua Roddy, Chance and Jacob Roddy, Allen and Katie Bradshaw, and Cole and Allie Dixon; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Clay and Deloris Cook of Gainsboro, Tenn., Joe Cook, of Dickson, Tenn., Draper and Betty Cook of West Nashville, Tenn., and Donnalee and Edith Cook of Hendersonville, Tenn.; and many devoted nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today in the chapel of Anthony Funeral Home in Hartsville Tenn. Rev. John Purdue will officiate. Burial will be at Hartsville Memorial Gardens, in Hartsville, Tenn.

Calling will run from noon to the beginning of the service today.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 31, 2007, Saturday

Patricia Weaver

GARRETT — Patricia Ann Weaver, 58, of Garrett died Thursday, March 29, 2007, at her home.

Mrs. Weaver

Mrs. Weaver was an office manager at the Family Counseling Center for nearly 30 years. She was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born March 1, 1949, in Garrett to Kenneth and Clara (Diederich) Bowman. They preceded her in death.

She married Wayne "Bud" Weaver on April 14, 1967, in Auburn, and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Douglas and Tonya Weaver of Auburn and Jeff Weaver of Albion; four grandchildren, Chase Weaver, Sydney Weaver and Abby Weaver, all of Auburn, and Bryce Weaver of Albion; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Sandy Bowman and Edward and Nancy Bowman, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Michael Sobasky, and a brother, Kenneth Bowman Jr.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

To sign a guestbook or leave a condolence, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Norbert Gerbers

AUBURN — Norbert R. Gerbers, 91, of Auburn died Thursday, March 29, 2007, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Gerbers was a skilled pipe threader with Tokheim Corp. for 19 years, retiring in 1980. He was a lifetime farmer and was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born in Woodburn to Marie Hoeppner and Henry Gerbers.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Aliene Gerbers of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry and Patricia Gerbers of Woodburn and Dennis Gerbers of Auburn; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ginger Albin and Kathy and Robin Garrison, all of Auburn, and Vicki and William Bollier of Pierceton; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Betty Gerbers of Woodburn; a sister, Marcela Baker of Woodburn; and a sister-in-law, Eleanor Gerbers of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Edwin, Lawrence and Walter Gerbers.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with Pastor Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

JoAnn Olinske

ANGOLA — JoAnn Olinske, 65, of Angola died Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Hospice Home of Fort Wayne

Mrs. Olinske was a branch office administrator of Edward Jones Investments in Angola. She was a member of the Steuben County BPW and a Past Matron of Angola Chapter 78 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Dec. 10, 1941, in Garrett to Wilford and Wava (Yost) Livelsberger. They preceded her in death. She married Gerald Olinske on Sept. 9, 1967. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Keith Miller of Auburn.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with the Rev. Jimmie Olinske and the Rev. Richard Doenges officiating. Burial will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m. by Angola Chapter 78.

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Pauline Rhine

ANGOLA — Pauline Mae Rhine, 98, of Angola died at 11:05 p.m. Thursday, March 29, 2007, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center in Angola.

Mrs. Rhine was a housewife. She attended grade school in the one-room Collins School across the road from her family farm in rural Fremont. She graduated from Orland High School in 1926 and from Taylor University in 1930.

She was born Nov. 10, 1908, on the family farm on Vistula Pike in rural Fremont to Lynn and Mary (Tubbs) Collins. She married the Rev. James William Rhine on June 17, 1934, in Albion. He preceded her in death Aug. 26, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Pastor Terry C. and Sylvia Rhine of Chesterton; three grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and Rob Rhine-Walker of LaPorte, Tamara and Dana Steffel of Angola and Anthony and Melanie Rhine of Brownsburg; six great-grandchildren, Collin Walker, Ben Walker, Ryne Walker, Tyler Steffel, Ashleigh Steffel and Emma Rhine; a sister, Dorothy Miller of Angola; a brother, Morris Collins of Fremont; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Rhine was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Paul Collins; and a sister, June Collins.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, 4710 Bachelor Road, with the Rev. Duane L. Stidman officiating. Burial will be at Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time at the White-Love Funeral Home, 525 S. Second St., Chesterton, and Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 216, Orland.

For information, call White-Love Funeral Home at (219) 926-1309.

Marguerite Fiandt

BLUFFTON — Marguerite L. Fiandt, 93, of Bluffton died at 6:20 a.m. Friday, March 30, 2007, at Meadowvale Health and Rehab Center, Bluffton.

Mrs. Fiandt taught for five years in a one-room school in Nebraska before moving to Indiana in 1935. She graduated from Manchester College in 1937, and taught in the Wolcottville school system for 14 years. In 1950, she moved to Lansing, Mich., and began teaching at the Good News Clubs for Child Evangelism Fellowship. She moved to Sebring, Fla., in 1962, where she attended the Child Evangelism Fellowship Institute and later became a director of the program. She continued her work with Child Evangelism Fellowship as an instructor for teachers. She traveled to all 50 states and 120 countries to help directors and missionaries in training classes until 1997, when her health began to fail. She retired, but lived with her guardians, Skip and Betty Spaulding, and attended classes with them in their work as the state director of New Mexico. Mrs. Fiandt was a member of the Grace Bible Church of Warrenton, Mo.

She was born April 8, 1913, in Sioux County, Neb., to Edwin and Daisy (Gephart) Voigt. She married Maynard Fiandt in 1950. He died in 1962.

Surviving are a sister, Birdena Day of Bluffton; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Voight, nieces and nephews Bill Day and Joyce Accavallo of Bluffton, Margaret Shannon and Katherine McCormick of Loveland, Colo., Barbara Voigt of Hawaii and Kenneth Voigt of Bellville, Mich.; 11 great-nieces and great-nephews; and five great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one brother, Lloyd Voigt; and one nephew, Kent Day.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Thoma, Rich, Hewitt and Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton. A committal service will take place at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship and should be made through the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent at www.thomarich.com.

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Pedro Reyes

FORT WAYNE — Pedro Reyes, 72, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 29, 2007.

Mr. Reyes

Surviving are his wife, Maria Reyes, and six sons, Alejandro, Pedro, Alvaro, Carlos, Fernando and Eduardo Reyes.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick's Parish, Fort Wayne, with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Fay Silver

STROH — Fay E. Silver, 91, of Stroh died at 10:37 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2007, at her home with her family by her side.

Mrs. Silver

Mrs. Silver was the Milford Township trustee for 22 years. She and her husband, John, owned and operated the Silver Grocery Store in Stroh from 1948 to 1974. She was a 1934 graduate of Salem Center High School and a graduate of Tri-State College. She was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in rural Stroh.

She was born June 13, 1915, in Pleasant Lake to Hayes and Emma (Dayhuff) Hoyer. She married John V. Silver on Sept. 30, 1944. He preceded her in death March 1, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Anne and Ralph Tuttle of Stroh; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Rainelle Silver of Stroh; a brother, Jay Hoyer of Angola; six grandchildren, Julie Ley, Sheri Augspurger, Krista Smith, Abby Levitz, Mindy Silver and John Silver; four great-grandchildren, Nathalie Ley, Isiah Levitz, Samuel Levitz and Matthew Levitz; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Jason and Desiree' Smith.

She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Ray Hoyer; three other brothers, Wayne Hoyer, Wymond Hoyer and Basil Hoyer; and three sisters, Doris Wing, Zema Berlien and Berniece Styverson.

Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church with Father James Rose officiating. The pallbearers will be John Silver, Brian Ley, Mike Levitz, Sam Augspurger, Kevin Smith and Jim Berlien. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Wanda Armstrong

LIGONIER — Wanda L. Armstrong, 87, of Syracuse and formerly of Ligonier died Friday, March 30, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse, where she had resided since Nov. 11, 2004.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ulrey Chapel in Ligonier.

Russell Baker

LIGONIER — Russell F. Baker, 102, of Ligonier and formerly of Kimmell died Friday, March 30, 2007, at 12:50 p.m. at Avalon Village in Ligonier, where he had resided since March 23, 2005.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Homes, Ulrey Chapel in Ligonier.

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